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Suddenly, winter!



Photos by Carol Van Doren

Finally — Old Man Winter took his time getting here — almost a month late according to the calendar. But when he finally arrived, it was in a rush. After last Thursday's snowstorm, temperatures dropped below zero for several days running. Andover winter scenes this week include:

- Above, Mary Ann Limpert, an Andover School Department employee, makes her way toward the Town Offices, across a newly white Park.
- At left, Emme, 9, and Ross Arnzen, 5, enjoy a ski break with their dog, Caesar. It was Ross's first time on skis. The kids were able to get out early since they're home-schooled.
- Below, Dara Casey of Holt Road walks on a snowy street to visit a neighbor with children Cabrea, 8, and Kaegan, 3.



'Mismanaged care' hurting hospitals

Unpaid bills

By Rebecca Lipchitz

When the ailing Harvard Pilgrim health plan showed up in the state of Massachusetts' financial emergency room, area hospital administrators started worrying that they were going to be victims of a financial flu as well.

Because while the state decides if — and if so, how — the plan should be saved, experts say financial ills may be infecting more than just one Massachusetts health plan. If they're right, that could mean trouble for hospitals and doctor groups as well, since they are owed much of the money the health plans can't pay.

Already, area hospital leaders are concerned that millions of dollars owed to them by Harvard Pilgrim may not be paid.

In a meeting Monday, Jan. 3, Harvard Pilgrim's chief financial officer delivered the news to CEO Charles D. Baker that losses for 1999 amounted to more than \$177 million, \$50 million to \$70 million more than originally

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Board cancels plans New sidewalks slip-slide away

By Neil Fater

Selectmen have sidelined their plan to build nearly \$1 million in new sidewalks this year.

Board members decided they don't want to build any new walks until they talk the talk about creating sidewalk-betterment and sidewalk-priority policies.

Four selectmen unanimously voted at their last meeting to delay building any new sidewalks until such policies are created.

The 4-0 vote came after selectman and sidewalk proponent Larry Larsen had left for the evening, saying he was nursing a bad cold.

When Larsen was informed of the decision by a reporter, he was not happy.

"I disagree with that considerably.

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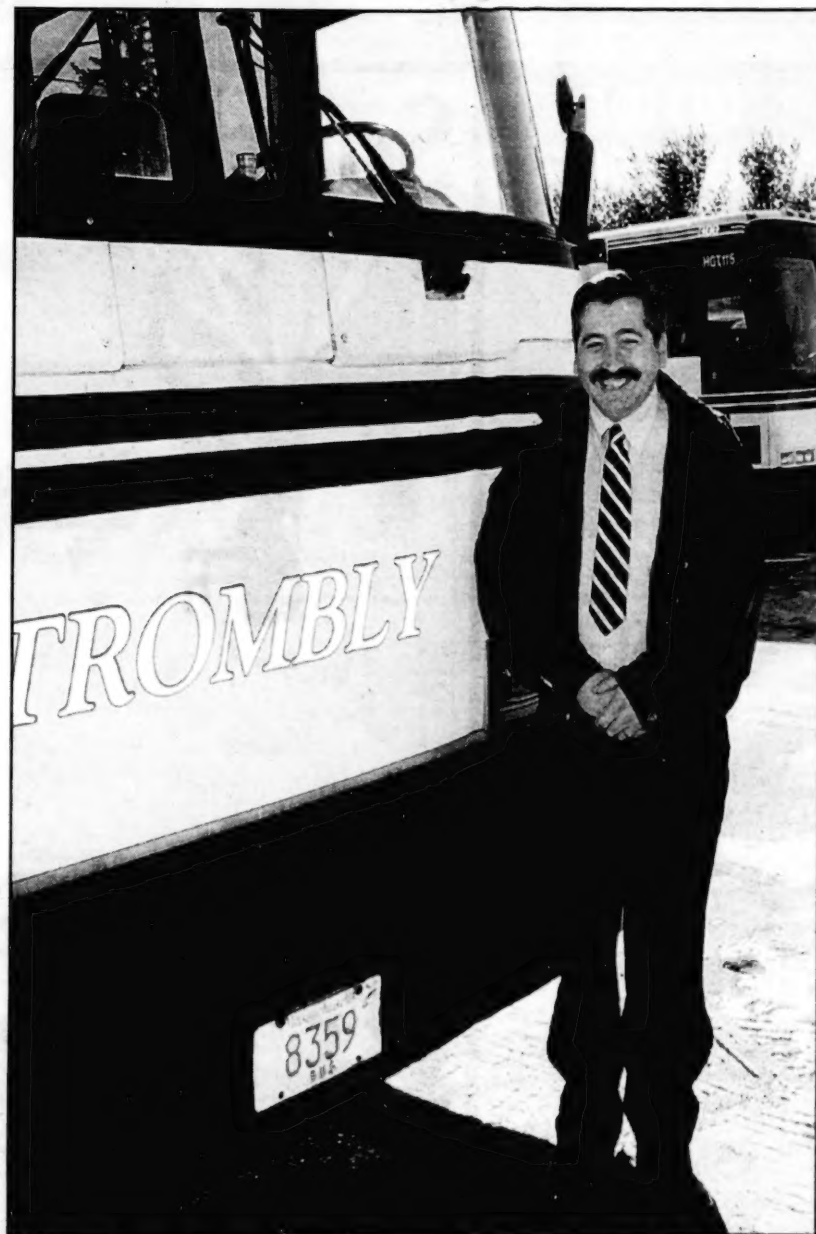


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Hop on the bus, Gus — You'll be safe with Henry LaFontaine at the wheel, at least if you're coming down a Boston exit ramp as slick as an ice rink.

Trombly's easy driver

Henry LaFontaine has been driving a bus for 13 years — five of them for Trombly Bus Lines of Dracut.

But even with all that experience, he says nothing could have prepared him for the condition of the exit ramp off the Central Artery to Haymarket Square in Boston last Thursday morning, just as the snow was starting to stick to the road.

Dana Cohen, of Andover, a passenger on the 47-passenger commuter bus to Boston that LaFontaine was driving, says he thought for sure the bus was going to crash.

"It started going sideways at about a 45-degree angle, and the driver started yelling that he had lost the brakes.

They weren't lost, technically. It's just that they weren't doing much good. Jim Trombly, owner of the bus company that does commuter and charter runs, says the conditions couldn't have been

much worse.

"There was just enough snow to make it slippery anyway," he says, "and then the heat from the tires of the cars made it melt just enough so it was like a skating rink."

LaFontaine says "I knew I had a problem," but had never encountered a slide like that. "I just tried to use the bus as a brake," he says, "by keeping the front to the left and the rear to the right."

He also tried to guide the bus onto the rougher portion of the road where most cars hadn't traveled.

"That all helped," he says. "I was surprised I didn't hit the jersey barriers, but somehow I made it to the bottom and stopped."

Made it without touching a thing, Cohen notes, although he says "we must have been two inches from the guard rail at one point."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

LWV to meet on CIP

The Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters will hold an informational meeting about capital improvement plans for Andover and North Andover today, Thursday, Jan. 20, at the home of Mary Kelleher, 16 Hidden Road, Andover, at noon.

Learn about proposed plans for the future of the towns from the officials most involved, including Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Andover Selectman Mary French and North Andover Selectmen Chairman Keith Mitchell.

Many of the items will appear as town meeting warrant items this year. Let your officials know how you think they should spend your money. For more

information, call Mary Kelleher at 474-0738.

Candidates: Filing deadline is Feb. 8

Nomination paper for the annual town election to be held Tuesday, March 28, are available at the Town Clerk's office.

The offices on the ballot this year are:

- Moderator, one for one year;
- School Committee, two for three years;
- Selectman, two for three years;
- Housing authority, one for five years;
- Greater Lawrence Technical School representative, one for three years; and

- Punchard Free School, five for three years

The last day to return nomination papers to the Town Clerk's office for certification is Tuesday, Feb. 8. For more information, call 623-8200.

Title V seminars are now monthly

A public seminar is now scheduled monthly to assist residents, realtors, contractors and others in understanding the requirements of Title V, the Massachusetts Environmental Code, dealing with septic systems.

The program describes the structure, use and maintenance of septic systems; their inspections, interpretations of inspection results, requirements if they fail inspection, and procedure for obtaining the all important septic systems "Certificate of Compliance."

For scheduling, call Dan Tremblay, health officer, Monday through Friday, between 8 and 10 a.m. at 623-8298.

Web poll results

Last week's question on the Townsman's Web page was, **Do you support the Community Preservation Act, which would allow Andover to raise money for preservation by taxing real estate transactions or by adding a surcharge to property taxes?**

With 25 online readers responding, the cybercommunity apparently doesn't like the idea. The vote was 19-6 against it.

This week's question is: **Following the arrest of a local bar owner for allegedly running a Super Bowl betting pool, do you think such private betting pools on major sporting events, such as the Super Bowl or the NCAA finals, should be illegal?**

Surf to www.andovertownsman.com and cast your vote.

Don't forget census

The Town Clerk's office reminds residents that the annual town census for 2000 was mailed to residents the first week of January.

Residents should complete and return the census form as soon as possible. Special census boxes will be available throughout the town and are listed on the census form. Anyone who does not receive a census form by the end of January should call the Town Clerk's office at 623-8200 to receive a replacement.

Quote, unquote . . .

I also learned that on (icy) days like that, I'm going to take another exit."

Trombly bus driver Henry Lafontaine, after narrowly avoiding an accident at the Haymarket Square exit in Boston. His passengers, including Andover's Dana Cohen, gave him a standing ovation.

It's obvious people have football pools going on, but we haven't found any (others) out in plain view."

Police Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo, after arresting the owner of the Park Street Pub for allegedly operating an illegal lottery.

The deck is OK."

Selectman candidate Ted Teichert, whose sense of humor obviously survived a bad fall last December from his roof to his deck.

Appoint good people in the administration to tackle health care. Don't focus on Jane Swift's helicopter."

Dr. Alan Sager, of the Boston University School of Public Health, urging citizens to demand that state officials concentrate on issues like health care, rather than political scandal.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, January 20

Merrimack Valley Advisory Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6-9 p.m.

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, 160 Main Street, Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 256 North Main Street (Frye Circle), regular meeting, 7 p.m.

Strategic Planning Task Force, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 5:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical High School, cafeteria negotiating subcommittee, 57 River Road, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 22

School Committee, School Administration Building, budget workshop, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, January 24

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Doherty School Council, media center, Doherty Middle School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 25

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Andover High School TV studio, 2:30 p.m.; budget workshop, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 26

West Middle School Council, media center, West Middle School, 6 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 27

Board of Selectmen, Town Manager contract subcommittee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Commission on Disabilities, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

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The full house of passengers gave him a standing ovation.

"I was a little bit surprised, but yeah, they clapped," Lafontaine says.

Cohen says Lafontaine should be commended for "behaving in a very professional manner. If that had been an airline pilot, the TV cameras would be all over him."

Trombly says he's proud of Lafontaine, "and we're proud of all our drivers. We have a very good safety record."

And has Lafontaine learned anything that he can take with him on future commuter runs in the snow?

"I was scared, but I didn't panic," he says, "so I guess that's one thing you learn. But I also learned that on days like that, I'm going

to take another exit. That one is really hazardous."

— Taylor Armerding

Teichert says thanks



Teichert — almost better.

Selectman candidate Ted Teichert, who says he has made major progress recovering from severe injuries suffered in a fall on Dec. 4, issued a "heart-felt thanks" to those he says helped him and his family since the accident.

"It really is pretty heartwarming to know how many people sent cards, fruit baskets or helped in other ways," he says. "I had just had a (AHS Class of '79) class reunion, and they all got together and sent balloons. Some of those people I hadn't seen for years.

"Recovery is physical of course, but that kind of thing really helps as well."

Besides his high-school class, Teichert says the police and fire departments, the Millennium Committee and the Andover Junior Football League (of which he is president) were especially helpful.

Teichert spent 10 days at Beth Israel Hospital after falling about 20 feet from his roof onto his deck. He broke his right wrist and forearm and a collarbone, strained a liga-



Very happy holiday — John and Rachel Alesse (left and right), along with infant son, Nicholas, are shown with Dr. Ian Hardy, a reproductive endocrinologist, at the Fertility Center of New England's recent annual Baby Reunion at the Burlington Marriott Hotel. All the children at the reunion were born as a result of infertility treatment provided by the Center, which has locations in Reading, Dedham and Manchester, N.H.

ment in his neck, broke six ribs and lost his spleen.

"The deck is OK," he chuckles.

Teichert, a salesman for Kayem Foods, says he feels well enough to call on a few accounts, and will definitely be ramping up his campaign for selectman.

"Getting better is just a matter of time now," he says.

— Taylor Armerding

He's a fan's fan

The New England Patriots ultimate fan is from Andover. Mark Feigenbaum, 41, of Lowell Street, a financial planner of was named with 29 other football fans from around the country to the Football Hall of Fame.

One fan was chosen to represent each NFL team. Winners received an all-expense paid trip for two to the Hall of Fame currently exhibiting photos and biographies of the fans.

The fans' names will be a permanent part of the Hall of Fame

when they are added to a plaque.

Reportedly, Feigenbaum is so devoted to the Patriots that he attended a game the day his newborn son came home.

Vets can qualify for tax break

Andover veterans are reminded that any veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds or who has a service-connected disability of at least 10 percent may qualify for a property tax exemption of from \$250 to \$500 per year. Veterans who have lost limbs, are blind, or have other major medical conditions may qualify for substantially larger exemptions. For further information call the Assessors office at 623-8264. Assistance in obtaining documentation of entitlement or completing applications can be arranged by calling the Veterans Services office at 623-8218.

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Betting pool not so super for bar owner

By Neil Fater

The Super Bowl betting pools found in many businesses this time of year apparently didn't win an Andover bar owner anything more than a trip to court.

After police allegedly noticed four separate Super Bowl betting grids posted at the Park Street Pub, owner Richard E. Pruneau, 56, of 18 Clement St., Haverhill, was arrested Friday and charged with promoting an illegal lottery and allowing betting in his establishment, says Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo.

"Earlier this month, an officer happened to notice the grids out on a refrigerator behind the bar," says Pattullo. "They were right out there, on pretty good-size grids with names and numbers."

Police later sent an undercover officer into the pub and police say the officer was allowed to buy two squares.

Park Street Pub was running four separate pools on 10-by-10 grids, says Pattullo. Two games cost \$2 per square, one cost \$5 per square and another cost \$10.

The betting pools run out of the pub are the same as those found in businesses across Andover and the country this time of year. All such pools are illegal, says Pattullo. But the difference between the other pools and Park Street Pub's is that the pub left its pool out in the open where police could see it.

"It's obvious people have football pools going on, but we haven't found any (others)

out in plain view," says Pattullo.

Pattullo says that liquor establishments need to be particularly careful about what they allow in their business. The state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has been checking establishments in nearby towns such as Billerica, with charges pending, he says.

"Liquor licenses are few and far between, and hard to get. You need to be careful about what kind of operation you are running," says Pattullo.

The Board of Selectmen, who are also the town's license commissioners, have the authority to impose any sanctions for license violations.

ABCC guidelines recommend a 14-day suspension for a second offense within 36 months, and a 30-day suspension or revocation for a third offense. A company can appeal any sanctions.

Police first noticed the Park Street Pub Super Bowl pool at the beginning of the year as they hand-delivered new liquor licenses to establishments around town, he says.

Police will notify the town clerk, selectmen, and the ABCC of their findings at Park Street Pub.

Besides the betting charges, Pruneau was also charged with having unlicensed amusement devices at his establishment. The owner had failed to pay a fee to license the pub's pinball and video machine as required by Andover law, says Pattullo.

Raytheon: two misses in one day

Raytheon Co. was forced to acknowledge two major misses in one day this week.

The first was tactical, when its missile interceptor, designed to destroy incoming hostile warheads, failed a major test over the Pacific Ocean Tuesday night when it missed a mock warhead launched on a Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

Company officials declined to comment on the reasons for the failure or what it would mean to the defense system, which various analysts call a descendant of former President Reagan's "Star Wars" missile defense initiative.

The test was the second of the system. In the first, last October, the interceptor, called an Exo-atmospheric Kill Vehicle, destroyed a mock warhead. However, in that case, the warhead was following a pre-programmed flight path. That was not the case this past Tuesday night.

It was expected to take at least 48

hours to determine what went wrong.

Raytheon officials said the test failure was not expected to have any effect on employment at the Andover facility. However, the success of the system could mean billions to the company. And the decision to deploy it could be political as well as tactical, since Democratic candidates for president Al Gore and Bill Bradley are noncommittal about it, while Republicans are more enthusiastic.

The second miss was financial, as Raytheon warned investors Tuesday that its fourth-quarter earnings would fall short of expectations by as much as \$220 million, driving the price of its stock down 25 percent.

The company's Class B stock dropped to 19, its lowest in more than seven years and down from a 52-week high of \$76.56 in July. Class A stocks were at \$18, also a low for the year.

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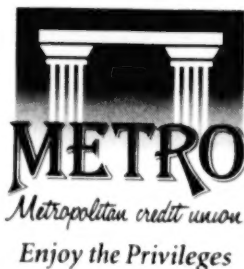
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Larsen launches discussion on Wood memorial

By Neil Fater

Andover officials say it's about time they opened two 25-year-old gifts given to them by the estate of William Wood's son, Cornelius.

One of these gifts must pay for a memorial in William Wood's honor, and the other gift is to be used for "public purposes."

Both gifts were accepted by Town Meeting in 1974, and the second gift has now reached about \$900,000, says Selectman Larry Larsen.

It is Larsen, the outgoing selectman, who has proposed living up to the promise of building a memorial to William Wood, the man who created Shawsheen Village as president of the American Woolen Company.

Larsen also proposed that once the public gift reaches \$1 million, the town should begin spending the interest on a yearly basis. However, members of the Wood family have told selectmen they do not want to see the money spent "in dribs and drabs," and would prefer it to be spent on a large project.

"I think the town has to decide what the town wants to spend it on," says Larsen. "It's the town's money."

"What I think is not useful is for the money just to sit," he says.

However, since the money for a memorial was accepted in 1974, that's exactly what it has done — sit. Larsen says it's time for that to end.

According to the deal agreed to at 1974 Town Meeting, a "suitable memorial," to William Wood, with a bronze tablet, must be constructed at the corner of Lowell and

North Main Streets.

But there are a couple of conditions. First, the design of the memorial has to be approved by William Wood's grandson, who, like his father, is named Cornelius.

Second, the bronze tablet has to be inscribed with a specific tribute that categorized William Wood as "an industrial genius," "a humanitarian," and "great benefactor of youth" (see boxed text).

The town plans to form a committee to come up with a design.

"I think the town should present a design. If the family has control and rejects it, so be it," says Larsen.

Cornelius Wood declined comment about what would make an appropriate memorial, saying he would wait until after the committee is established to discuss the matter.

"I think in due course the subject will be developed," says Wood. "I don't think it's been productive to discuss this in the press."

Public gift

Wood remembers when he learned his father would give the gift for "public purposes."

"He always had a deep affection for the town," he says. "This was very character-

The memorial text

In full, the tablet on the memorial to William Wood must read: "In honor of William Madison Wood, creator of Shawsheen Village, a founder and the president of the American Woolen Company, largest wool manufacturing concern in the world. He was an industrial genius that, from the experience of his own hard younger life, became a great benefactor of youth; a humanitarian with broad vision and a public spirited citizen whose good words, many unpublished, reached in all directions."

istic of him."

Specifically, Cornelius Wood Sr. left a percentage of his net estate to the town. Since then, that money has been growing, with the town only tapping into the funds twice. Once, former town manager Ken Mahoney bought a piano for the Collins Center with it, and another time money was used to help construct the veterans memorial at Elm Square.

Although Larsen, and the 1974 Town

Meeting article, say it's up to the town to determine how this money should be spent, in the past residents have approached the Wood family when seeking to use the money.

For instance, when a West Parish group was looking for funds to restore the West Parish chapel, Karen Herman, preservation commission chairwoman, says she suggested the group contact the Woods about using some of the 1974 gift.

William Wood had built the West Parish Chapel and the arch by the West Parish cemetery. He was even buried there.

"He took a very active role in the construction of the chapel. He was the prime mover," says Herman. "We all thought this was a way to use the money for a real

good purpose that would benefit the town."

However, Cornelius Wood did not believe this was an appropriate use, and the group found other ways to raise the funds, says Herman.

"When a family has done as much for the town of Andover as William Wood did back then," says Herman, "I think it's right for the town to show deference for how the family wants to spend the money."

The family's reputation for privacy may be another reason some residents show deference. And because of this deference, Town Moderator Jim Doherty doesn't even want to say how he thinks the town should spend the second gift.

"The idea that I have, I don't think I should publicize and talk about until I've talked to Mr. Wood," says Doherty. "People have been talking, but I think perhaps he's been left out of the loop."

But the question of how the money should be spent will likely provoke a great deal of public debate.

While Larsen wants only the interest spent, others think the money should be spent on a large project.

Herman says that she personally would like to see the money help fund the proposed new senior center, or to preserve architecture in town.

Whatever happens with the public gift, Doherty says it's time for a memorial to be built.

"Probably the greatest contribution to the town has been made by William M. Wood when he established Shawsheen Village," he says. "We've never made any efforts to thank him for what he did."

Doherty was a child when Shawsheen Village was built, but he remembers them changing the roads, building a dam, even altering the river bed.

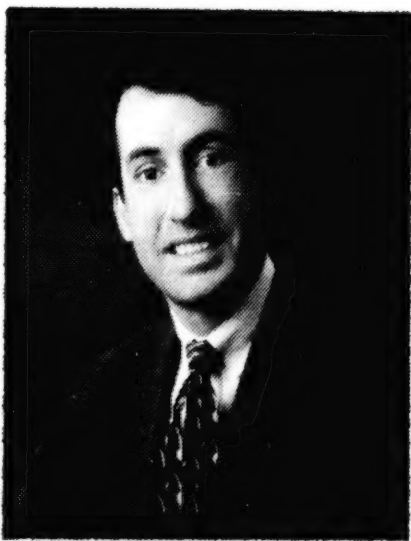
"I think, generally speaking, it was acceptable because there were so many people who were getting their daily bread from the whole thing," he says. "They used an awful lot of local people for the construction."

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Unpaid bills ...

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reported.

Harvard Pilgrim was placed in receivership by the state, under the State Division of Insurance.

Andover area hospital administrators joined state and Harvard Pilgrim officials to tell the plan's members that they will not be denied care.

But they do worry that their institutions may be denied money. According to local hospital CEOs, Harvard Pilgrim owes Methuen's Holy Family Hospital \$785,000; Lawrence General \$800,000, Winchester Hospital \$1.3 million. While it is paying current bills to the Lahey Clinic, it owes \$14 million in past-due accounts.

Lahey reported a loss of \$10 million this year, the first loss in more than six years, according to Lahey Clinic CEO Dr. David M. Barrett, of Andover.

Dr. Dale M. Lodge, CEO of Winchester Hospital, says the hospital is now paying some bills through its reserves, but the money won't last forever, and many hospitals don't have reserves.

One of hospitals' worst fears is that debt will be written off, or that some bills will be paid while others won't, similar to the a 1992 closing of Bay State health care.

"We think there should be a pecking order," if some debts are paid and some aren't, says Lodge.

Pull the plug or operate?

State officials are now considering several options, ranging from selling the plan to a for-profit company to liquidating it.

Andover resident Dr. Manuel Tsing Lowenhaupt, of Deliotte Consulting in Boston, makes his living advising hospitals and other health care institutions on how to operate in the black. He says possible scenarios for Harvard Pilgrim are that it would continue as an insurer with some kind of subsidy, probably from the state, or quietly dis-

appear.

He says it's unlikely that another insurer would buy Harvard Pilgrim, given the fact that even now it is not clear exactly how deeply in debt the plan is.

"Why would I want to buy an HMO when I don't even know what their obligations are," Lowenhaupt says.

Dr. Manuel Tsing Lowenhaupt

In some cases, insurance companies buy subscribers from other health plans, but if Harvard Pilgrim fails, its subscribers will be "scattered to the wind," and likely be coming to insurers at no additional cost, he says, so it makes no sense to pay for them.

Other insurers are more likely to wait on the sidelines to see what will happen, he says.

He also says that if the state decides to bail out Harvard Pilgrim, the precedent could mean trouble if other plans

fail.

"Why single out one (plan?) For the state, that's a pretty high-risk move. That gets to be a very scary fiduciary responsibility," Lowenhaupt says.

Lodge says the fear is that Harvard Pilgrim is just the first in a line — that managed care's financial woes are just beginning.

"We are concerned that Tufts (Health Plan) is headed in the same direction," he says.

Bill Lane, President and CEO of Holy Family Hospital and 28-year Andover resident, says both Tufts and Fallon are being formally watched by government agencies for signs of financial distress, and Tufts has entered receivership in New Hampshire.

To date, Tufts owes Winchester Hospital \$2.5 million, and the amount owed by the plan between 1998 and 1999 increased by 120 percent, according to Winchester Hospital documents.

"We need to be paid in full. Hospitals cannot accept the burden," Lodge says.

Where does it hurt?

The cause of all this financial dis-

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Powdermill design debated

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A Conservation Commission member's attempts to tighten restrictions on the Powder Mill Square project, were partially supported Tuesday, but members say they feel their recent vote offers enough protection.

Conservation Commission members recently voted to approve the combination apartment/medical office building project for North Main Street, but issued a lengthy order of conditions with the approval.

Because of the project's unusual design, which includes a parking garage designed to flood on the bottom floor during severe storms, developers are required to get approval from the state for a special arrangement to provide a permanent easement to the town legally allowing the building to flood and keep it from being altered if it changed ownership.

The easement is also required by the Conservation Commission through their Certificate of Compliance, but if it is not guaranteed by the state, the Commission has little method of enforcing the local requirement, says Commission member Paul Finger.

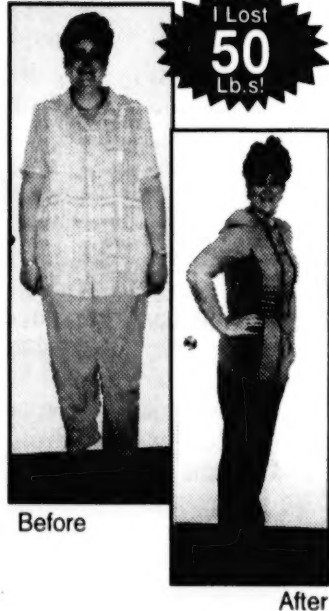
Developers say the building will be built to flood, and that the water will enter the garage during a flood whether it is permanently legally allowed or not, but Finger says he would rather have guarantees than assurances.

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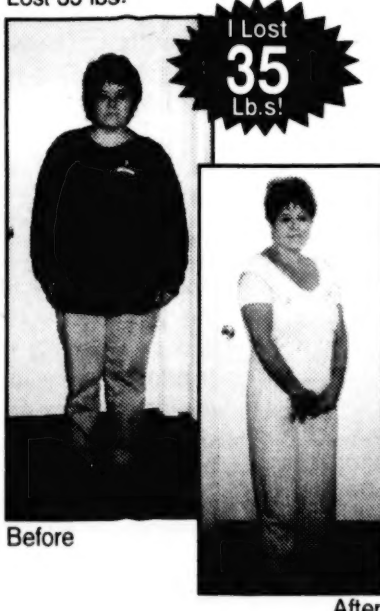
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It's time to share the pain

Perhaps the sudden receivership of the Harvard Pilgrim health plan took the analysts, the experts and even the insiders by surprise. Certainly it wasn't something most subscribers had figured into their Y2K preparations. Nor, apparently, was it something area hospitals had figured into their balance sheets.

But the debate over what happened, and is happening, in health care, is not new at all.

The price to be healed, or to stay healthy, has outstripped inflation for what seems like forever. Indeed, it seems to float on a different plane, disconnected from the rest of the economy because, after all, this is about health, and who can put a price on health?

And when something like the collapse of a health plan occurs, the fingers point in multiple directions. One physician, writing to a metro daily, complained about oversized administrative salaries. Somehow, he missed entirely the fact that many people think some physicians' salaries are outsized. Or maybe he hadn't seen the Jaguar, BMW, Mercedes and Lexus labels in the typical physician parking lot.

The health plans point at the hospitals. The hospitals point at pharmaceuticals and medical technology. And everybody points at the patients, who are accused of wanting the ultimate in health services without having to pay for it.

Of course there is an element of truth to all of this. We have met the enemy and he is us. But it will not be solved, state bailout or not, by each player simply continuing the struggle for the economic upper hand.

It is not enough to feel another's pain. In this case, the players must share the pain.

Another astute letter writer noted that, with 1.3 million subscribers and \$170 million in debt, Harvard Pilgrim could simply assess every member about \$130 and instantly wipe out the debt.

Marvelously simple indeed. And of course patients should share in wiping out the debt.

Then there was the state's move to cut the golden parachutes of former Harvard Pilgrim executives. That probably helped in a symbolic sense. But \$2 million doesn't even dent \$170 million.

And it is not just patients and administrators who have led to health plans charging less than the care costs. It is also those who decide what it costs.

If patients can pay more, then pharmaceutical companies, doctors, hospitals, administrators and equipment firms can charge a bit less.

Yes, \$170 million is a huge amount of money. But when it is spread over such a vast system, no individual player has to hurt that much to fix it.

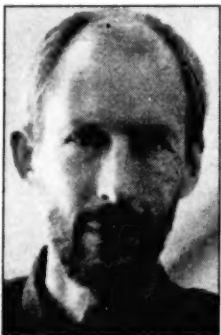
The options are to start sharing the pain, or to watch more than Harvard Pilgrim head to financial ruin. That would be a lot more painful for everyone.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Have a seat? Not today, thanks. The benches in front of Old Town Hall were a chilly place to sit after the season's first snowfall.

Oh, no! It's New England, and it's snowing!



Taylor Armerding

6 p.m.

Good evening, and welcome to *Live All The Time*, the Boston television news broadcast that forgets the fluff, that concentrates only on substance, that takes you to the scene of the real news that affects your life, that finds those out-of-the-ordinary moments, those unexpected happenings that could take you totally by surprise if we weren't here *All The Time* to tell you about them. I'm Jack Hammer and this is Melinda Nalinda.

Topping the news this evening, January 12, a *Live All The Time* exclusive — snow is bearing down on the Boston area, packing winds of up to 20 miles per hour with possible accumulations of 2 to 5 inches. We'll be preempting our regular programming to bring you up-to-the-minute, minute-by-minute, *All The Time* coverage of Whiteout 2000 throughout the night and tomorrow.

Our reporters are deployed

throughout the state at strategic locations including highway department sand and salt depots; coastal communities where the potential for damage to dune grass always exists; hardware stores where there is sure to be a run on shovels; 24-hour grocery stores, where homeowners will be stocking up all night; and of course the governor's office, where he has laid in a supply of sweaters in order to present a casual but serious image to calm area residents during what is clearly a potential crisis.

For our first look at what's in store for the region, we go *Live* to upstate New York, where reporter/meteorologist Bill Murray has been tracking this weather system since it began as an unstable air mass over the central plains states 72 hours earlier.

"Yes, thanks Jack. I'm standing next to the Thruway here, where things appear to be normal. Cars are still tearing past at 75 miles per hour. But that's all about to change. State police are telling us that when this thing hits, and it's expected within the next several hours, the traffic will be forced to slow to 60, perhaps even 55.

"Even more serious than that, however, is a bitterly cold air mass moving in from Canada behind this fast-moving storm. We're expecting temperatures to drop to the 20s, the teens and then even to the single dig-

its by the time this thing's over.

"With the wind chill factor, it's expected to feel like 30 below out here. And if you were out here in a bathing suit with somebody spraying cold water on you, it would feel like 50 below. And of course, if you were naked on the top of Mt. Washington with winds of 200 mph and a ski snow gun pointed at you, it would feel like 100 below.

"So that's what you want to remember when you tell your grandchildren about this storm. That it was like 100 below."

OK, thanks Bill for that *Live* report. Closer to home, reporter/transportation analyst Casey Miller has been spending every minute of the last 24 hours with the state highway department.

"Jack, I'm here with Public Works superintendent Jerry Newman, who says no matter what Mother Nature throws at us this time, they're ready. Jerry, can you tell us, did word of this impending storm take you by surprise?"

"Well, uh, not entirely, you know. We figured since it was January there was at least a possibility. We try to stay up on what month it is."

"So what have you been doing to get ready?"

"Well, there's the pile of sand over here, and the pile of salt over there, and the trucks are over there. We put the sand and the salt in the trucks,

Letters

Town yard belongs in an industrial zone

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am a resident abutting the Route 125 school site. After reading the article by Mr. Fater ("Town-owned yard options: None are perfect," *Townsmen*, Jan 13) I feel compelled to raise my voice.

Permit me to excerpt the following quote "This final site covers 48 acres, but about half of it is wetlands. Zeller proposes filling one wetland area and creating a new one elsewhere..."

This concept fills me with extreme concern. As I had mentioned I am a resident abutting this area. In three words: it is beautiful. This 48-acre wilderness is alive, with tree, with animals, with wonder. In the fall, tom turkeys strut their plumage in the adjoining yards. In the winter, deer come to nibble bushes. In the spring and summer, several colonies of rabbits raise their babies and a fox watches keenly from borders.

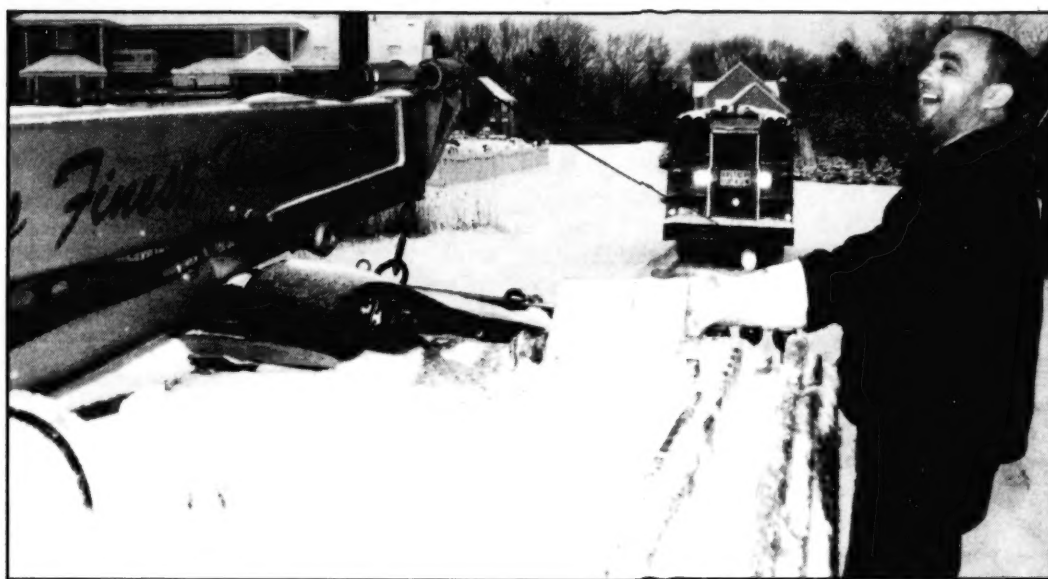
My first point is simple: "Filling" this area would not be beneficial, to the fauna that inhabit it, not to the residents and school children that regularly enjoy its natural beauty. Andover has a history and a reputation of preserving and conserving. I have read enough

articles to share the Andover mentality of cherishing our dwindling natural reserves. Filling in a natural wetland and creating an artificial one hardly qualifies as "preserving or protecting."

Furthermore, the article attempts to minimize the impact by claiming that the site is 48 acres, when in reality it is only 26 (compare a resulting 16-percent to an actual 30-percent impact). Taking these considerations into account the Route 125 school site goes from less than perfect to simply inconceivable.

While I have detailed my concerns regarding my own neighborhood, I know full well that residents in the two remaining sites must feel the same. The town yard is an industrial installation, bringing with it the traffic and pollutants that such a facility would generate. No residential homeowner would easily welcome such a site in their neighborhood, and they would be correct. An industrial facility belongs in an industrial area, and I applaud the selectmen in their direction to Mr. Piantadosi to look for an industrial site. To me that really would be perfect.

Amna Greaves
32 Suncrest Road



Photos by Carol Van Doren

On the hook — Joe Dalton, of Elm Street Automotive, gets ready to haul a stuck school bus off Nollat Drive. The truck is labeled "Andover's Finest Hookers."

A snowbound bus gets a tow

Bus drivers are known for their ability to drive through snow, but one driver may have taken this a little notion too far last Thursday.

He drove his school bus right through the snow and deep into a grassy area off River Road and Nollat Drive.

"The driver thought that the (5 Nollat Drive) driveway was a road and went into the yard," say police.

Carol Znamierowski, school transportation coordinator, says the driver normally turns his bus around on Winchester Drive.

The driver was several yards onto the Nollat Drive lawn before he realized he was not on pavement. Then, it appears snow and mud combined to keep the bus landlocked about 100 feet from the street.

"The visibility was poor," explains Znamierowski. "It was slippery, and the buses, as big as they are, still slip."

A heavy-duty tow truck from Elm Street Automotive was called to pull the bus off the lawn.

"Nobody was hurt or anything. I think he only had four or five children left to drop off," says Znamierowski. "Other than that the day was pretty uneventful."

Another school bus came to Nollat Drive

to pick up the children, and it drove them home.

Several other minor accidents were reported that day due to slick conditions.

— Neil Fater



That's entertainment — Neighbors T.J. and Heather Martin, of Nollat Drive, watch the towing proceedings with a couple of cups of coffee.

Oh, no! Snow!

you know, pretty much like we always do."

"And tell us, what strategy have you come up with for this fast-moving opponent?"

"Well, you know, we get out there when it starts and dump a bunch of salt and sand on the roads. And then when it snows more, we plow it off. Pretty much like we always do."

"Thanks, superintendent, and good luck. We're Live on the Turnpike. Now back to you, Jack and Melinda."

8 a.m.

Good morning, and welcome once again to our continuing coverage of Whiteout 2000. In the last hour, our weather radar tells us we're directly in the path of this storm, and it's expected to hit Boston by about 9 a.m. But we're getting Live reports from Worcester that the snow has already begun there, confirming our exclusive predictions from last night that indeed, it will be snowing later today in Boston. We go now to Worcester where Shelby Stone has been tracking the storm all night.

"Jack, the storm has hit here. I say again, the storm has hit. And *Live All The Time* caught the first flakes on video just about a half hour ago. You can go

to our Web site to see them anytime during the day. Right now, you can see just behind me the white stuff is sort of swirling across the streets, visibility is decreasing and we're expecting an inch or two could fall within the next several hours. This is going to be devastating to driving conditions, and could cripple the state's transportation system for hours to come.

"Most local schools are closing, and authorities are urging people to just stay home, unless of course they're going out skiing, sledding, shopping or to the movies."

11 a.m.

Hello again, and welcome. With the snow falling heavily, and almost an inch on the highways, we go now for a Live report to Tim Cruise, riding with one of the many courageous snowplow operators across the state.

"Jack, I'm riding shotgun with Bill Mann of Andover, who was up at 6 a.m. just in case the storm arrived a little earlier than predicted.

How are you feeling now, Bill?"

"Oh, it's tough Tim, very tough. This is one of the toughest things we do all year, but you know, we do it for the good people of our community. I'm probably going to be up for 36 hours straight, scraping every trace of snow off of our streets so I can make up for all the overtime I didn't ... uh, I mean, so that

our streets will be the safest streets in the Commonwealth. This is a major sacrifice, you know, but we do it for the community."

"Jack, it's clear that Bill Mann is exhausted, but for some reason, he can't seem to stop smiling."

Thanks for that report, Tim. And now we take you to Route 114, one of the heavily traveled secondary roads in the Merrimack Valley, where reporter Teri Sandman is interviewing motorists.

"Jack, we've got our news truck stationed right in the middle of 114, and we're looking at absolute gridlock here. I'm approaching a driver right now. Sir, how are you coping this morning?"

"Hey, it's January. It's snowing. Is that some kind of surprise? If you ^%#@*(! TV reporters would get your)@^%\$# truck out of the middle of the road, maybe the people who actually have to work today would be able to get somewhere. Don't you have any real news to rep ..."

"Yes, thank you. As you can see, Jack, the level of frustration with this storm is mounting by the minute."

Thanks, Teri. And we'll be here to cover it, from start to finish, *Live All The Time*. Stay with us. We'll be back after a word from our sponsors.

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at tarmerding@andovertownsmen.com

Board lets new sidewalks go slip slidin' away

By Neil Fater

Selectmen have sidelined their plan to build nearly \$1 million in new sidewalks this year.

Board members decided they don't want to build any new walks until they talk the talk about creating sidewalk-betterment and sidewalk-priority policies.

Four selectmen unanimously voted at their last meeting to delay building any new sidewalks until such policies are created.

The 40 vote came after selectman and sidewalk proponent Larry Larsen had left for the evening, saying he was nursing a bad cold.

When Larsen was informed of the decision by a reporter, he was not happy.

"I disagree with that considerably. I think that's a very ill-thought-out approach, and, frankly, I'm surprised," he said.

Larsen, the board's senior member, said the town has considered charging sidewalk betterments in the past, and leaders have always decided they are a bad idea.

"And I think that priorities have been worked out in the past. The problem is (that) one person's priority is another person's last choice. We have to start somewhere," said Larsen. "Andover is in desperate need of sidewalks."

But the other selectmen said they should discuss whether homeowners should be charged betterments for sidewalks, and possibly have an betterment policy approved at a 2000 Fall Town Meeting, before the town spends thousands of dollars. They also said Andover should establish sidewalk priorities, such as deciding if building them near schools is the town's top priority.

The selectmen's decision may mean that they will not only hold off on their own plan to spend nearly \$1 million on new sidewalks this year, but will also oppose private citizen articles seeking sidewalks. Town officials are expecting private articles looking for sidewalks for parts of Woburn Street, High Plain Road, High Street and Chestnut Street.

Because selectmen canceled support for new sidewalks this year, Selectman Lori Becker suggested spending more than the planned \$600,000 to repair existing sidewalks, but that idea failed to garner any support.

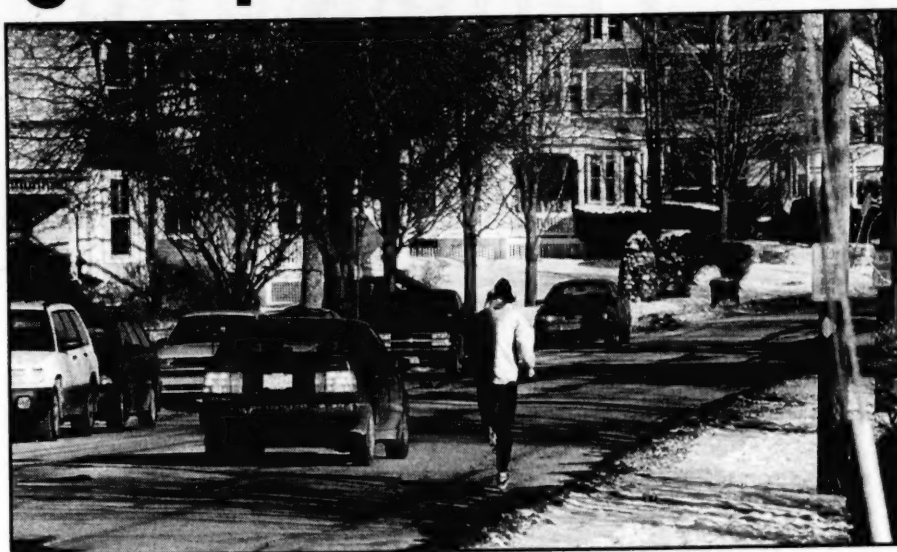


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Sharing the road — A runner takes to the street, where there are no sidewalks for pedestrians.

Ballardvale sidewalks nixed

Before they decided to delay all new sidewalks, selectmen noted that building just the two sidewalks wanted by the Ballardvale Traffic Task Force would cost nearly the entire sum allotted for new sidewalks.

But they said they weren't sure building sidewalks on Andover Street and Ballardvale Road should lead the town's list.

"I don't think we should kid ourselves that those two are the highest priority. We know they're not," said Police Chief Brian Pattullo.

Still, selectmen acknowledged their decision to delay all sidewalk construction would upset some of those in Ballardvale who are angry about the traffic conditions.

"There will be a lot of unhappy folks in Ballardvale, but I think perhaps that's valid," said Mary French of the delay.

One of those unhappy folks is Sheila Stone, of Clark Road.

Selectmen need to do something to improve safety in the area, says Stone.

"The fact (is) that they have not done anything about the traffic, (so) they should at least do the sidewalks," she says.

But Stone says the sidewalks are a secondary issue, and by no means a cure-all to what she and other neighbors say is a major safety issue in Ballardvale. Her street has sidewalks, and still has significant safety problems, she says.

"When my three kids were growing up, even with the sidewalks (on Clark Road), I would not let them walk from my house to the Ballardvale playground. I would not let them ride their bikes," says Stone. "If they could put sidewalks in, it might help, but it's certainly not going to alleviate the traffic problems."

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Education

Students talk social skills in open circle

By Rebecca Lipchitz

What started out as a thunderstorm in Nancy DiSalvo's fifth-grade classroom last week ended in a peaceful discussion among students.

After arranging their chairs in a circle around the edge of the room, students began rubbing their hands together. When one student began to snap, the student seated next to her would do the same, until one by one, the misty sound had turned to the sound of rain.

And so the storm continued as students watched the person seated next to them, waiting for cues.

"Are we all a bit more focused now?" asked DiSalvo as the tapping and brushing sounds faded out.

Students nodded eagerly and waited for their

teacher to begin the discussion, **Nancy DiSalvo — Teachers needed this kind of forum.**

a review of last week's conversation about how to deal with annoying behavior.

This week, the topic was how to tell "good" teasing from "bad" teasing.

Creating the soundtrack to a thunderstorm was an exercise to begin the "Open Circle" session, but when the "storm" was over, a thoughtful discussion ensued.

The Open Circle program, adopted on a volunteer basis by 12 West Elementary School students, is a forum for teaching students social competency by holding group discussions on communication, self-control and interpersonal problem solving.

Students sit in a circle for 15 minutes twice a week, and in a discussion led by the teacher, talk about how they relate to other people.

Topics have included teasing, compliments, feelings,

including others, and listening.

West Elementary Principal Charlie Friel says that while discipline issues take up a relatively small portion of his duties (West Elementary is Andover's largest elementary school with more than 600 students), every school deals with issues like bullying.

He attributes the behavior of his generally well-behaved student-body to values parents have instilled in them, but adds that no elementary school is immune to incidents at bus stops and playgrounds, where Open Circle practices seem to have helped.

"What we are finding is that students really are attempting to use these skills. Any successful social skills program is going to be a cooperative effort between home and school," Friel says.

Liz Roos, assistant principal at West Elementary, says 12 teachers have been trained in the Open Circle program at the Stone Center at Wellesley College, where the program was developed.

Pamela Seigle, executive director of the "Reach Out to Schools: Social Competency Program" says the Open Circle program has evolved since it began in 1987 to incorporate new information in child development research and sensitivities to cultural issues, but the mission to educate students about social competency has remained.

They have expanded to encouraging adults to set the example, she says.

"We're not only talking the talk, but walking the walk," Seigle says.

Teachers report that students are walking the walk as well.

Roos says character education in the classroom is not a new concept, but the Open Circle provides a new kind of

forum.

DiSalvo agrees. She says she has already seen students resolve conflict among themselves more often in situations where they once would have stopped a lesson to ask her for help.

"It provides the right forum to talk about these things that some kids might not be aware of," DiSalvo says.

Fourth-grade teacher Deidre Carty says she gets results because discussions in Open Circle are based on everyday occurrences in the classroom.

"During the circle time, children are encouraged to take risks and share their feelings. Everyone feels that it's OK and safe to take risks in Open Circle," she says.

When DiSalvo asked her class to give examples of teasing, students noted comments about performances in sports, name-calling and hat-stealing. They talked about when teasing is friendly and when it's hurtful, and how to respond in different situations.

One student suggested that if it's the kind of teasing that would hurt someone's feelings, it's not friendly anymore.

"If it feels bad inside you, it's bad teasing," one student said. But the class agreed that "if someone takes your hat and gives it back, they aren't trying to bully you around."

The class even practiced for a moment, making disgruntled faces in response to a hypothetical tease.

Teacher Melissa Richard says Open Circle has helped children by providing the appropriate vocabulary to deal with difficult social situations. Students now use phrases such as "D and D" (dangerous and destructive behavior) and "non-negotiable rules," such as, no hitting others, Roos says.

After a discussion about compliments, students

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Photos by Carol Van Doren

Full Circle — West Elementary fourth-graders discuss what is "good" and "bad" teasing during an open circle session last week. Samantha Rance, above, suggests that some teasing is a joke, but sometimes it can hurt people's feelings. Below, Alex Smith says some teasing goes too far.



Open Circle

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were told to shadow another student for three weeks and then present a sincere compliment about them. One student was complimented for "never giving up" on a difficult assignment, even though the student were the last to finish the project, Roos says.

Participating teachers are DiSalvo, Richard, Carty, Joyce Rawlinson, Eileen Jone-Shaw, Nicole Brezinski, Jennifer Marsella, Kathy Iworsley, Marge Recinos, Amelia Burns, Erica Saum and Ann Kelley. All have been trained in Open Circle at Wellesley College.

The training costs \$700 per teacher, Roos says, which has been subsidized by a \$6,300 grant from CHAT (Community Health Advisory Team) and a \$1,000 Eisenhower Grant through the assistant superintendent's office.

Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach says she supports expansion of the program to other schools.

"These (discussions) reflect the kind of values I believe in. The focus on good citizenship is something you maintain as an adult," she says.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

There goes the neighborhood — Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach (left) and teacher Cindy Gerard (right) present retiring Bancroft secretary Helen Rogers with a crown and a symbolic Superman doll at an assembly Friday. Rogers was named "superwoman" and all week received the royal treatment, complete with breakfast on a tray each day and a police escort into town, from students and staff. Rogers retired officially this week, 15 years to the day after she began working at Bancroft. She has worked in Andover 19 years, but hasn't actually left the school. She is "filling in for herself," Bach says, for a few days until the new assistant arrives.

Pennington out of school race

South School PTO member Bill Pennington announced this week he will not seek a seat on the Andover School Committee.

Pennington was considering a run, but decided he would have to give up too much time now spent with his family.

"I'd rather pick and choose my own issues, rather than get so involved that I adversely effect my own family," Pennington says.

He also wanted to continue his work on curriculum enrichment at South School where his two children attend school.

"I really enjoy doing that," he says of his work through the PTO.

Pennington says Andover is fortunate that several School Committee members are retired or do not work full-time and have a lot of time to spend on school issues, but the amount of time required to serve on the board means working parents are under-represented.

School Committee Chairman Eric Nadworny is the only member with children in Andover schools this year.

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LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools the week of Jan. 24-28:

Elementary schools

Monday: Rotini with garlic and oil, salad, baked nuggets and puffs, mozzarella sticks with cubes of ham, peas, rolls, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey with mashed potatoes, pizza with graham crackers, cheeseburger with fries, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Beef burritos with lettuce and tomato, baked nuggets and puffs, mozzarella sticks with cubes of ham, corn, roll, apple-crisp, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Roast pork with mashed potatoes, pizza with graham crackers, french toast sticks with sausage, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday: Toasted cheese sandwich, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog with fries, sweet potato, sugar cookie, fruit, milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Rotini with garlic and oil, salad, baked nuggets and puffs, nachos with salsa and cheese, peas, roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey with mashed potatoes, stuffed crust cheese pizza, chicken McSchool, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken, broccoli, and ziti, baked nuggets and puffs, cheeseburger with fries, corn, roll, applecrisp, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Roast pork with mashed potatoes, stuffed crust cheese pizza, egg McMuffin, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday: Two tacos with rice, baked nuggets and puffs, two hot dogs with fries, sweet potato, sugar cookie, fruit, milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Two tacos with rice, wedge pizza, ilio olio with sausage, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Roast pork with mashed potatoes, bagel/square pizza, pasta with meatballs, applesauce, carrots, milk.

Wednesday: Ravioli with salad, wedge pizza, eggplant with pasta, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey with mashed potatoes, bagel/square pizza, pasta, ilio olio with sausage, cranberry sauce, corn, roll, milk.

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WHAT'S UP

Get out of your clothes - and give them to us

By Hillary Schofield
Andover Youth Council

It's the biggest, baddest, and most monumental clothing and equipment drive Andover has ever seen. The Andover Youth

Council is collecting clothes (winter and summer) and sports equipment (soccer balls, sneakers, team uniforms, and other spring and summer sporting equipment).

Take the time to go through those clothes of yours and bring them on down to the Old Town Hall anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

All donated clothing will be shipped to the Pine Ridge Sioux

Reservation in South Dakota, and uniforms and equipment to children in Namibia, Africa.

We know you want to help, so if you can't find the time to get down to the Old Town Hall, you can call the Clothes-line at 623-8242.

One of the Youth Council members will swing by and pick up your "stuff."

Just leave a message including your name, address, phone number, what you have and when you want us to come by. Okay, so

you have absolutely no clothes to donate? No fear,

we'll gladly embrace donations made out to Andover Youth Services. All donated money will be used for shipping costs.

Help the Youth Council help some people in need. The clothing drive runs through

Feb. 19.

Andover winter and spring lacrosse update

By Michelle DiStefano
Andover Youth Services

The Andover Youth Services lacrosse program held the first of two registration sessions, filling both the U-14 Boys and Girls spring lacrosse teams.

Because of the strong interest shown in this age bracket, there will be a waiting list established for those who didn't get to sign up.

There were still spaces available on both the boys and girls U-12 teams, as well as the 9- and 10-year-old boys and girls

modified teams, before the second formal chance to register, which was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 18 in Town Offices.

Late walk-in registration may still be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sign up at the AYS/DCS office in Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

It's time to dust off those lacrosse sticks and get ready to warm up for the exciting spring season.

The Andover Youth Services will start its winter lacrosse session at the Andover High School field house Sunday, Jan. 23. The clinic is open to all boys and girls ages 11-14, as well as High School boys and girls, so get to the AYS/DCS office and sign up.

There is plenty of space available.

The dates of this clinic will be Jan. 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 27; and March 19.

Hope to see you there!

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News

Area hospitals brace for financial flu from ailing HMO

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stress is coming from a number of directions, experts say.

Hospitals are being paid less to provide the same amount of care, trained nurses are becoming scarce, technology is more expensive, and smaller hospitals are closing, sending more and more patients to the open hospitals.

"It's a multi-faceted issue. All these plans have been selling the product (to subscribers) at less than the cost," Lodge says. HMOs charge subscribers less than the cost of service, and in turn pay hospitals less than what they charge for service.

Health insurance is not bound by insolvency laws like other branches of the insurance industry, Lodge says.

Some argue that encouraging competition among health insurers as if it were operating in a free market has put undue stress on the system.

Alan Sager, professor at the Boston University School of Public Health, says competition in such a forum will only lead to doctors being forced to withhold care to save money.

"They've been intoning the mantra 'free market,' instead of trying to save themselves in the phony market that has them by the throat. There are no villains. Hospitals are not the villain, and they may say the devil made me do it, but after a while, they'll have to blow the whistle on the devil," Sager says.

Experts say health care does not operate in a "free" market because no matter the cost, hospitals must continue to provide health care, regardless of the market.

Joseph McManus, CEO of Lawrence General Hospital, where nearly 1,000 Andover residents sought inpatient care last year, says Massachusetts' HMOs first problem is that they are not big enough.

If the same system were on a national scale, the structure could support the costs in Massachusetts, he says.

What is the cost of health care?

A combination of factors has increased the cost of health care, experts say, from an aging population who lives longer, to more expensive technology, to drug prices, malpractice, to harsh New England winters.

Hospital CEOs say the state's Balanced Budget Act (BBA) has not helped them cope with the fact that their cost of delivering health care goes up each year, but their revenues go down.

Barrett says the BBA has caused a



Lodge — Winchester Hospital reserves won't last forever.



Barrett — 1999 was first losing year in six for Lahey.



Lane — It's an industry worth protecting.

budget of deprivation.

"Our businesses are pretty lean and mean, now," he says, but adds that "massive layoffs is not something Lahey is doing."

Federal Medicare and Medicaid programs, which once accounted for large subsidies in health care costs, are no longer available, and HMOs are paying less.

Experts say Massachusetts has the best and most sophisticated health care delivery system in the world, but it must come with a price.

For example, some Massachusetts patients, depending on their health insurance, have the option of getting an appendectomy at their local community hospital for one price, or at a teaching hospital with top reputation for twice the price.

Lane says that while Massachusetts community hospitals cost about the same as community hospitals across the country, and Massachusetts teaching hospitals cost about the same as other teaching hospitals across the country, the total price of health care in Massachusetts is higher, simply because there are more teaching hospitals in the state.

But many say it's worth the investment.

"It's an industry we would do well as a society to protect," Lane says. In addition to the quality of health care, the teaching hospitals have drawn industry to Massachusetts such as biomedical research firms and computer companies along Route 128.

Lowenhaupt says that the advanced medical community in Massachusetts also contributes to a "more intense" style of practice, where doctors are more likely to order a battery of tests

than take a "wait and see" approach.

Can it work?

McManus describes managed care, which was first introduced in the 1970s, as "an American medical experiment."

Experts also agree that the key to financial success in managed care is walking the fine line between "managed" and "care."

Under managed care, a few percentage points difference in financial calculations can quickly turn into hundreds of millions of dollars.

One way to control costs is to adopt established scientific standards in medical care.

"I have every reason to believe that physicians, in their hearts, are uncomfortable being told what to do. We value their autonomy," he says of a culture that tends to practice medicine based on 40 percent science and 60 percent art.

"Most doctors are considered more of a lone ranger or a fighter pilot than a person who has to refer to a book.

Sager says doctors have to accept responsibility for spending money carefully, and renounce HMOs attempts to bribe them to give less care. "Doctors have to accept caps on their income in exchange for clinical freedom to spend carefully. And they'd probably make more money," Sager says.

Dr. Roger Jenkins, a life-long Andover resident and liver specialist, left Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center after 22 years this past June to move to Lahey, taking his team of specialists with him.

Unlike working on a fee-for-service base at some hospitals, doctors at Lahey Clinic are salaried. The crisis at

Harvard Pilgrim has Jenkins more worried about the health of the clinic than for his own livelihood.

"Now more than ever it's a team effort. There really has to be a give and take between hospitals and physicians," Jenkins says.

While he could be very careful about how he spends money, his careful considerations don't matter as much if he can't get timely information from an x-ray or get a service billed properly, he says.

"For years physicians and hospitals at odds, and doctors could do pretty much what they wanted. Now we all have to worry about it," he says.

The most vehemently rejected option to save Harvard Pilgrim has been the plan to sell the company to a for-profit health care company.

"That is probably the single worst idea," Sager says, adding that a for-profit company is designed to extract revenue for stockholders.

"Our goal is to make sure everyone in this state gets high quality, affordable health care. At \$38 billion a year, the challenge is to spend the money carefully," Sager says.

He recommends to patients that they call their local congressmen and tell them to make health care a priority.

"I think (Harvard Pilgrim's) receivership is really a warning bell, but it's not yet the complete meltdown we're going to suffer. We still have time. Call your state representative or senator and say the governor has to wake up and put its arms around the health problem. Appoint good people in the administration to tackle health care. Don't focus on Jane Swift's helicopter," Sager says.

New cooling process demanded for power plant

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Local health officials, legislators and environmental activists are encouraging, or in some cases demanding, that the proposed Nickel Hill power plant use a cooling process that does not use ammonia.

Power plant developers say they are considering the change in the project's design.

"Sconox is ammonia free. It would make a true state-of-the-art plant," says Andover's Laura Jordan, a founding member of the Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment, a group that opposes the plant.

Goal Line Environmental Technologies, LLC, of Knoxville, Tenn.

began this year to commercially market SCONOX GT pollution control equipment.

MVRE members say that since Sconox uses no ammonia, it is safer than Nickel Hill's proposed method of pollution control, and should be required by the state.

"Sconox will address many of our concerns. It will eliminate ammonia, cut emissions significantly for NOx (nitrous oxide), CO (carbon dioxide) and VOCs (volatile organic compounds)," Jordan says.

Everett Penney, Andover's director of public health, and a Dracut resident, says the advantage of eliminating ammonia from the technology is two-fold. The

chemical would not have to be transported to the plant, and it would not be emitted into the air.

During public hearings before the Dracut Board of Selectmen, which recently voted unanimously to approve the Nickel Hill Project with an order of conditions, Penney says he encouraged them to require Nickel Hill to use Sconox, but they only recommended it.

Tom Favinger, principal developer of the Nickel Hill Energy Project, says the company is undecided about whether or not to use Sconox.

To obtain state and federal air emissions permits, the company must meet two separate standards, Favinger says.

They are required to meet a standard of "lowest achievable emissions rates," and they are required to use the best available technology.

Analysis of the standards for "best available technology" include the cost of the process, Favinger says.

To date, Sconox has only been used in plants much smaller than Nickel Hill would be,

Favinger says. The plan for Nickel Hill would use the Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) method of pollution control.

"Sconox has not been proved to be equally effective or equally reliable (as SCR)," Favinger says.

Nickel Hill is still looking into the efficiency of Sconox, since state regulations encourage the use of "zero ammonia technologies," known as ZATs.

Favinger says that he agrees a "zero ammonia technology" would be a better option than one that uses ammonia, but that other factors must also be considered in choosing pollution controls.

Because Sconox is a new method, other aspects of it have not been tested enough, Favinger says.

"The amount of water consumption (it would use) is unclear, and we don't know how noisy it is," he says. Sconox technology includes a series of opening and closing vent doors, and could create additional noise, Favinger says.

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"It's probably the most we've received in one year," says Police Chief Brian Pattullo. "Hopefully next year we'll double it."

Andover's most sizable 1999 grant was

\$150,000 received Dec. 15. This will help Andover to pay its two newest officers, Joseph Magliozzi and Chuck Ederly, through 2002. The grant provides \$25,000 each for the two officers for the next three years.

Magliozzi and Ederly will join the payroll Jan. 31.

Other large grants include a \$60,000 state grant earmarked for traffic enforcement, and \$71,400 used to upgrade the laptop-computer system in Andover cruisers.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - At 3:02 p.m., Jose Pires, 36, of 122 Berkshire St., 2nd floor, Cambridge, was arrested at the station and charged on a warrant for assault and battery and a breaking and entering misdemeanor.

At 7:34 p.m., after a report of a car hitting a tree in front of a River Road home, Glenn R. Wiggins, 37, of 5 Harvest View Circle, Hudson, N.H., was arrested and charged with a second offense of driving under the influence of alcohol, and failing to stay in marked lanes.

Thursday, Jan. 13 - At 11:17 p.m., Scott A. Colby, 26, of 20B Dugout Road, Hudson, N.H., was arrested by the Targe Inn and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Saturday, Jan. 15 - At 10:10 p.m., David K. Puglia, 27, of 1 Fairfield St., Apt. 1, Haverhill, was arrested on High Street and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Monday, Jan. 16 - At 12:58 a.m., a 31-year-old Lawrence woman was taken into protective custody at the Park Street Pub, after reportedly causing a problem when the pub refused to serve her.

At 12:13 p.m., Elizabeth A. Lane, 39, a homeless woman, was arrested at the

Targe Inn and charged on three separate default warrants for larceny under \$250, and single default warrants for larceny over \$250 and receiving stolen property.

Tuesday, Jan. 18 - At 7:36 p.m., after a car was stopped for a verbal warning about failing to use a turn signal, Jeffrey Irvine, 20, of 283 North Main St., Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance. Patrick R. Jelson, 17, of 39 Dascomb Road, Andover, was arrested and charged with illegally possessing a Class D and a Class E substance.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - At 11:09 a.m., the Pike School principal requested an officer regarding a note that indicated one student was threatening to do harm to another.

At 2:27 p.m., a Webster Street woman requested an officer check a car parked near her house. An officer reported no problem. It was a town official waiting for another official to arrive.

Thursday, Jan. 13 - At 4:08 p.m., North Reading's school transportation department called to report that a bus with special needs kids could not get down a hill

on Endicott Road because of snow and ice. Public works and an officer responded to take care of the bus and the road.

At 5:07 p.m., an Andover man brought in two weapons to be destroyed.

At 5:22 a caller reported that a car had been parked in the fire lane at Shaw-sheen Plaza "for two hours, and the woman appears to be talking on the car phone." An officer reported the owner had called AAA.

Friday, Jan. 14 - At 11:35 a.m., a Spring Grove Road resident reported hearing gunshots, and reported her neighbor heard shots too. An officer checked the area, but reported all was quiet.

At 11:59 a.m., a Topping Road resident reported two Rottweilers running loose and trying to get his German shepherd. An officer reported the dogs were unleashed and did not have tags. After checking with North Andover, an Andover sergeant learned that their animal control officer was not working that day. The sergeant asked the officer to try to put the dogs in his vehicle. The officer got one of the dogs into the back of his cruiser and took it to the animal hospital.

At 1:41 p.m., an Andover male came

into the station to report he had lost his cellular phone three months before.

At 5:38 p.m., an officer was to file on an injury he suffered.

At 8:37 p.m., a Locke Street man reported his basement filling with smoke. A deputy reported a furnace problem.

At 8:50 p.m., a Haverhill Street man reported that a man wearing a stocking cap was at his back door and appeared surprised when confronted. The man said he was looking for the number of a house across the street, and got into a plumber's van. An officer reported it was a plumber, who was now at a house across the street.

Saturday, Jan. 15 - At 12:23 p.m., an Andover man asked to see an officer regarding his middle-school-age son who had locked himself in a room and was threatening to kill himself. An officer reported the boy was going with his parents to get some help.

At 3:24 p.m., a Lowell Street business employee reported that a disgruntled employee had tried to punch him, threatened him and then left.

At 8 p.m., a restraining order was served in hand to someone at an

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Arts & Entertainment

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His story: history, plus

When Bill Lambers was a student in Andover, he wasn't always thrilled with his history lessons.

That's why he's written and published his second history book, *From War to Peace: The Story of Great Britain and the United States*.

Lambers believes his book can supplement school reading, and help middle-school-age kids learn. In the book, he encourages them to imagine themselves living during the American Revolution and the War of 1812.

"Bringing history to life, I know that's important," says Lambers, now of North Andover. "A lot of times you can go to class and the stuff just doesn't get in your head."

So Lambers' book includes not just historical facts, but two fictional stories. One is about a soldier at Valley Forge, and another follows a British girl who's waiting to hear about her brother, whose fort is captured by Americans during the War of 1812.

"I think it's more exciting that way, and you learn a lot more," he says. "Sometimes, when you have a long textbook, it can get very dry."

At the end of *From War to Peace*, Lambers also shows he thinks adults can learn from the treaty makers of the early and mid-1800s.

"Our two countries had a history of warfare — maybe not as long as some (nations), but we had them — and it's over with," he says. "They could have had more wars after (the War of 1812), but didn't. Hopefully, other countries will follow suit. But it's a long shot."

Lambers' book is on sale at Andover Book Store, Annie's Book Stop in North Andover and on some of the large Internet book sites. People with questions can also contact Lambers himself at blamb3@prodigy.net.

Out of town

Dinner is served

After a six-month closing for "reorganization," Giordano's Dinner Theatre will reopen Saturday, Jan. 22, under the artistic direction of Mark Stevick, a Gordon College professor of communication and theater.

The opening production will be *Goodnight, Captain White*, a comedic murder mystery written and directed by Stevick.

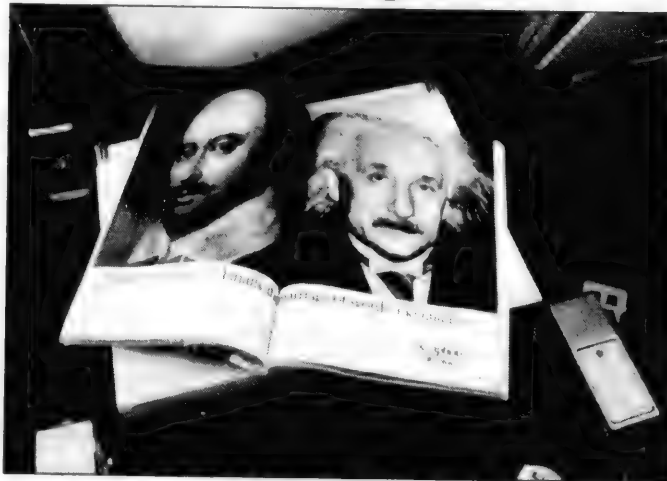
Originally produced by the Empire Theatre Company of Salem, the play is billed as "a hysterical historical whodunit," and is loosely based on the murder of a wealthy sea captain in 1830 Salem, Mass.

Goodnight, Captain White relies on audience participation to determine one of five possible endings.

Doors open for dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost of \$29.95 includes dinner, tax, gratuity and show. Reservations are required.

For more information or reservations, call Giordano's at (978) 352-7300.

Mangold, Lyons take viewers on a ride



Going down? — A pair of images from Nathan Lyons' *Riding 1st Class on the Titanic*, which opens tomorrow in the downstairs gallery at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy.

The first print retrospective of artist Robert Mangold, *Between Image and Object: The Prints of Robert Mangold*, will premiere at an opening reception at Phillips Academy's Addison Gallery on Friday, Jan. 21, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Also on view at the Addison Gallery of American Art beginning Jan. 21 will be *Riding 1st Class on the Titanic!* featuring photographs by Nathan Lyons, artist, teacher, and director and founder of the Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester, New York.

Comprised of more than 120 prints, the Mangold exhibition is the first to provide a comprehensive view of Robert Mangold's 30-year involvement in printmaking.

Mangold began his artistic career in the mid-1960s.

"Reacting to the emotional and critical excesses of Abstract Expressionist painting, Mangold, in concert with other key "minimalist" artists, revolutionized the art of the late 1960s and the 1970s," says an Addison release.

"Unlike many of his contemporaries, Mangold was interested in painting as image as much as object. For Mangold, painting's most profound and intimate connection was with the wall itself, as exemplified in prehistoric cave painting and Renaissance frescoes."

Mangold produced his first accomplished prints in 1968. This exhibition features works from Mangold's early screen prints of the 1960s, which reflect the shaped character of his contemporaneous paintings, to his sensuously rigorous etchings of the late 1970s and 1980s, to his recent experiments with broken lithographic stones — the *Fragments* of 1997-98.

"Printmaking has been an ideal vehicle for Mangold to develop his aesthetic; the inks are so completely infused and identified with the support paper itself that his prints are paradigmatic expressions of his desire to create images that are inseparable from the materials out of which they are made," says the Addison.

Riding first class

The Lyons *Riding* exhibition presents 200 black-and-white photographs that reveal Lyons' unique view of America and its social landscape.

In 1974, Lyons compiled and published *Notations in Passing*. The 96-photograph series was organized into extended sequences exploring the visual relationships and meanings made possible by pictures unaccompanied by text.

Picking up where *Notations in Passing* left off, *Riding 1st Class on the Titanic!* is a companion publication to the exhibition. The book includes a preface by Adam D. Weinberg, director of the Addison.

The title of this exhibition and book, *Riding 1st Class on the Titanic!*, derives from a particular image in the sequence in which this graffiti message is spray painted onto a wall.

"For (Lyons), *Titanic* is a metaphor for the ultimate paradox of contemporary life. The ship's fate forces us to reconcile our faith in the... manmade with the reality that even the most seemingly invincible is subject to complete and utter vulnerability. It is this ambiguity and contradiction that weaves through much of Lyons' work," says the Addison.

Andover Choral Society has 'Elijah' visit Jan. 23

The Andover Choral Society will present a concert featuring Mendelssohn's *Elijah* on Sunday, Jan. 23, at 3 p.m. at First Calvary Baptist Church in North Andover.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

Baritone Philip Lima will be featured as the prophet Elijah, and other soloists will include soprano Martha Sullivan, who group members describe as "a favorite with (our) audiences."

The society says this performance marks the 70th anniversary of its founding by J. Everett Collins. Collins and only two other musical directors have led the choral society during its years.

The ACS is now conducted by Allen Combs, who is in his 10th season at the helm.

Combs says that Sunday's soloist,



Prophetic words — Soloist Philip Lima will sing as Elijah.

Lima, "has a wonderfully rich sound and a dramatic presence."

The Andover Choral Society is a not-for profit organization that performs several classical and seasonal concert each year, including an annual community *Messiah* Sing.

The Andover Choral Society will be open to new members of all voice parts beginning Monday, Jan. 31. For more information, call 687-8225.

Also in town: Writers gather

The Andovers Writers' Group (formerly The Writers' Networking Group) will meet Thursday, Jan. 20, in the Activity Room on the lower level of Memorial Hall Library. A welcoming reception from 7 to 7:30 p.m. will be followed by a workshop from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For further information about this meeting, call Leo Griffin at 470-1186.

Phillips: Three concerts bring Jazz, Jewish culture, compositions

Phillips Academy will offer three widely divergent performances on campus this weekend, and each will be free and open to the public.

Jazz warms up winter term

On Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m., the Phillips Academy music department will present the Faculty Jazz Ensemble of pianist Chris Neville, saxophonist Mark Pinto, trombonist Peter Cirelli, bassist Vinny Monaco and drummer Bill Reynolds.

The concert will take place in Graves Hall located on the corner of School and Main Streets. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible. The program offers jazz standards and popular tunes.

For more information about this con-

cert call the music department at (978)749-4263, or e-mail: music@andover.edu.

Jewish Cultural Weekend 2000

As part of Phillips Academy's Jewish Cultural Weekend, Naftule's Dream will perform a concert of contemporary and progressive klezmer music on Saturday Jan. 22 at 7 p.m., in the Tang Theater in George Washington Hall.

The Boston-based Naftule's Dream aims to create instrumental music of passion and intensity. Its album *Search for the Golden Dreydl* was released by John Zorn on his Jewish culture label, Tzadik.

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Photo by Kathy Chapman

Dream team — They'll play klezmer concert Saturday night.

Europe, the improvising aesthetic of new jazz, and the hard-edged rhythms of rock, Middle Eastern music, and klezmer," says a release.

Clarinetist Glenn Dickson, trombonist David Harris, pianist and accordionist Michael McLaughlin, guitarist Pete Fitzpatrick, tubist John Manning and percussionist Eric Rosenthal have performing and recording experience with the traditional klezmer band Shirim.

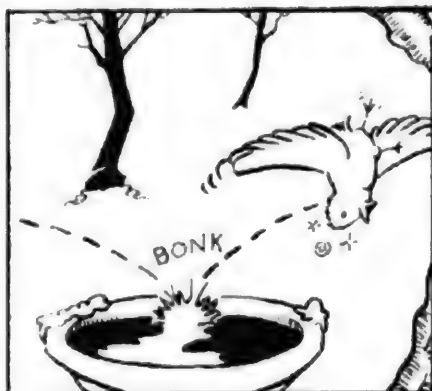
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Finally, Phillips' music department will present a flute and piano recital of 20th-century compositions on Sunday, Jan. 23. The concert will take place in the Timken Room in Graves Hall.

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ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



MJT's regal auditions

The Merrimack Junior Theatre will hold auditions for the Rogers and Hammerstein musical *The King and I* today and tomorrow, Jan. 20 and 21 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Auditions, open to students in grades 7-10, will be held at the Doherty Middle School auditorium on Bartlet street. Students will act out a short poem or monologue (no more than 60 seconds) and sing a few bars from *America* which begins, "My country 'tis of thee." They should bring a non-returnable photo.

Production dates are May 5, 6, and 7. Rehearsals are typically on Monday and Wednesday nights.

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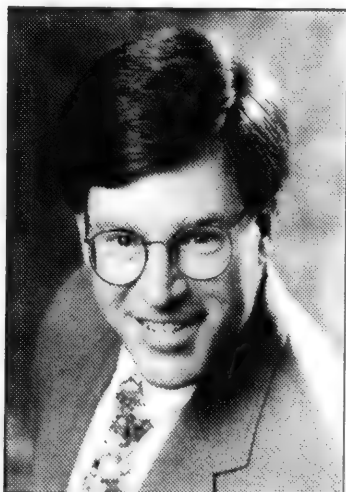
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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, Jan. 20

Auditions, sponsored by Merrimack Junior Theatre, students in grades 7-10, for *The King and I*, 6-9 p.m., Doherty Middle School Auditorium, Bartlet Street; Corinne Gediman 475-3422.

Meeting, Andovers Writers' Group, reception, 7-7:30 p.m., workshop, 7:30-9 p.m., Activity Room, lower level, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Leo Griffin 470-1186.

Meeting, Easter Seal Merrimack Valley Stroke Support Group, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; Paul Chedekel 475-3298.

Comedy Palace, featuring Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., \$8, Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Elmo's Coloring Book, featuring Sesame Street characters, 7 p.m., \$8.50, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; box office (978) 454-2299.

FRIDAY, Jan. 21

Concert, featuring acoustic blues artist John Hammond, 8 p.m., advance tickets \$12, \$15 at door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; box office 837-5355.

Musical premiere, sponsored by Temple Emanuel, featuring *L'maaseih V'reisheet - To Recreate the World*, performed by Cantor Donn Rosensweig and Temple Emanuel Children's Chorus, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; Cantor Rosensweig 470-1356.

Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy music

department, featuring the faculty jazz ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Graves Hall, corner of School and Main streets; 749-4263.

Dance, sponsored by Billerica Chapter of The Single Life, for singles over age 21, 8 p.m., \$5, members, \$7, guests, Tewksbury Knights of Columbus, Route 38, Tewksbury; Donna at (978) 658-2410 or Steve at (978) 988-9528.

Auditions, see Thursday, Jan. 20, entry.

Comedy Palace, featuring Tom Hayes and PJ Walsh, 9 p.m., \$12, Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Elmo's Coloring Book, 10:30 a.m., \$8.50, 7 p.m., \$16, \$13.50, \$11, see Thursday, Jan. 20, entry.

Book sale, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Elm Square; 623-8401.

SATURDAY, Jan. 22

Concert, sponsored by Friends of the Reading Public Library, featuring flutist Venessa Breault Mulvey, soprano Carol Mastrodomenico, pianist Steven Morris, 8 p.m., 64 Essex Ave., Reading; Rusty Palumbo (781) 944-2017.

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CALENDAR

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Ham and bean supper, sponsored by United Presbyterian Church, 4:30-6:30 p.m., \$5 adults, \$2 ages 5-12, 96 East Haverhill St., Lawrence; 682-8176.

Goodnight, Captain White, an interactive murder mystery sponsored by Giordano's Starlight Dinner Theatre, reservations required, 6:30 p.m., \$29.95, includes dinner, tax, gratuity and show, Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300.

Comedy Palace, 8 and 10 p.m., see Friday, Jan. 21, entry.

Elmo's Coloring Book, 10:30 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m., \$16, \$13.50, \$11, see Thursday, Jan. 20, entry.

Book sale, see Friday, Jan. 21, entry.

SUNDAY, Jan. 23

Ski/hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Middlesex Fells, Stoneham, Haverhill, meet 12:30 p.m., Stone Zoo parking lot on Pond Street; Carol Bernhard (978) 373-6874.

Concert, sponsored by Andover Choral Society, featuring Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, 3 p.m., \$10, First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover; 687-8225.

Flute, piano recital, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, featuring 20-century compositions, 3 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, PA campus, School and Main streets; 749-4995.

Comedy Palace, featuring Boston Comedy Show-

case, 8 p.m., \$8, Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Open rehearsal, by Trinity Church, Trinity Choir, sermon, 10:30 a.m. service, River Road, Topsfield; (978) 887-5570.

Book sale, 1-4:30 p.m., see Friday, Jan. 21, entry.

TUESDAY, Jan. 25

Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia, featuring the Tim Ray Trio, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26

Meeting, sponsored by Learning In Retirement Association (LIRA) for retirees and semiretired, 10 a.m.-noon, Fox Hall multi-

function room, UMass-Lowell, North Campus, Lowell; 934-3135.

Lecture, sponsored by Parent to Parent, Carol Plotkin, LICSW, discusses talking with your kids about sexuality (grades 4-7), 7:30-9 p.m., West Middle School, Shaw-shen Road; Pat MacElhaney 475-8282.

Fly-tying demonstration, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library and Andover Fly Fishers, 9:30-noon, Elm Square, Norma Gammon 623-8401, Ext. 49.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27

Open house, sponsored by Merrimack Montessori School, 7-8:30 p.m., 55 Salton-stall Road, Haverhill; (978) 374-6103.

Cigar night, sponsored by Exchange Club of Lawrence, includes dinner, raffle,

entertainment, \$75, Wyndham Andover Hotel; Rick Blain 749-7303 or Mike Christensen 738-1704.

Talk, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library and Andover Fly Fishers, Richard Hartley and Paul Diodati from Massachusetts Fish and Game Department outline fresh- and salt-water fishing opportunities in state, 7 p.m., fly-tying demonstration, 6 p.m., Elm Square; Norma Gammon 623-8401, Ext. 49.

Dance, sponsored by Christ Church youth group, fundraiser for their pilgrimage to Israel, 8-11 p.m., \$25, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; Jody Nelson 475-0529, Ext. 17.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28

Family service, sponsored by Havurat (CALENDAR continued on page 22)



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CALENDAR

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Shalom, a reconstructionist Jewish congregation, 6:30 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 475-2857.

SATURDAY, Jan. 29

It's a Mystery to Me, sponsored by Friends of Memorial Hall Library and family of the late Ruth Short, featuring mystery writers Sarah Smith, author of *The Vanished Child* and *The Knowledge of Water*, Kate Flora, author of *Chosen* for *Death*, *Death in a Funhouse* and *Mirror and Death at the Wheel*, and Skye Alexander,



Appearing — *The Vanished Child* author Sarah Smith

author of *Hidden Agenda*, followed by soup, bread and salad, 11 a.m., Elm Square; 623-8401.

Auditions, sponsored by Northeast Youth Ballet, for *Frankly Ballet and more*, ages 9-11, noon-1:30 p.m., ages 12-14, 2-3:30 p.m., ages 15-professional, 4-5:30 p.m., must be enrolled in a ballet program, \$10 audition fee, Sandra Marie's School of Ballet, 99A Essex St., Melrose; (781) 665-2236.

Free throw competition, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, boys and girls ages 10-14, 9 a.m.-noon, K of C Hall, 10 Brook St.; Chuck Lane 475-5712, Will Armstrong 475-2680, or K of C Hall 475-2747.

SUNDAY, Jan. 30

Cross-country ski/hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club and Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS), Harold Rafton Reservation, refreshments, meet 10 a.m. at town compost area on High Plain Road; David Dargie (978) 454-1206.

The Snow Queen, featuring Das Puppen-spiel Puppet Theatre, 3 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; 837-5355.

Elmo's Coloring Book, 1 and 4:30 p.m., \$16, \$13.50, \$11, see Thursday, Jan. 20, entry.

Group visits North Andover

Wood's Tea blends at coffee house

The Wood's Tea Company will appear in concert Saturday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. at The Daily Grind Coffee House in First United Methodist Church in North Andover.

The Vermont-based group tours the country offering a mixture of folk, Celtic music, sea shanties, bluegrass, and dry New England humor.

The group has been touring to support of

its seventh album, *The Wood's Tea Co. - Live*.

For more information on their concert, call (978) 682-5305, 681-7555 or visit the band's web site at: songs.com/woodstea.



Tea time — Rusty Jacobs and friends are looking for feedback as they prepare a new album.

Flute and piano

(100-YEAR-OLD MUSIC continued from page 19)

This concert features pianist Joan Rowland and flutist and composer Geoffrey Kidde, a 1981 graduate of Phillips.

The program will include Aaron Copland's *Duo* for flute and piano, four of Claude Debussy's *Preludes* for piano, Thea Musgrave's *Narcissus* for flute and digital delay, Erich Korngold's *Sonata No. 2, Op. 2* for piano, Geoffrey Kidde's *Island* for flute and tape and Francis Poulenc's *Sonata* for flute and piano.

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Teens plan pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Christ Church (Episcopal) youth group, comprised of 11 teens, began its Journey to Adulthood (J2A) program almost two years ago. The program will culminate with the group's pilgrimage to Israel for 12 days in August, during which they will continue to explore their faith.

A Midwinter Dance fundraising event for adults will be held at Old Town Hall on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling Jody Nelson at 475-0529, Ext. 17. All are welcome to come help support the group's efforts. The evening includes a DJ, non-alcoholic beverages and desserts.

Over the past two years, the teens have prepared for the trip, which will begin in Netanya. It includes a boat ride across the Galilee to Capernaum, allows them to celebrate the Eucharist with local families in Bethlehem at the Church of the Nativity, site of Jesus' birth, and make their way along the Palm Sunday Walk, all of which they have studied in their religious education program.

"The group has worked very hard both through studies and fundraisers to make this quest a reality. We hope to see you at the dance," organizers said.

Winter book sale Jan. 21-23 at Library

Memorial Hall Library will hold its winter book sale Jan. 21-23, (Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m.) on two floors due to the volumes of books donated this year. Children and young adult books will be on the lower level; adults in Memorial Hall on the second floor.

"Our holding shelves are overflowing with hundreds of practically new and used books. We have never had a larger collection of children's books. Here



is an opportunity to stock up on your winter and summer reading," said Norma Gammon, community service coordinator. Call her at 623-8401, Ext. 49.

Andover Fly Fishers to demonstrate aspects of their sport in a month-long series of fishing programs and exhibits

Memorial Hall Library and Andover Fly Fishers will hold a month-long series of fishing programs and exhibits titled "Fish On! Andover 2000." The series will run weekly Jan. 27 through Feb. 17. Members of Andover Fly Fishers will demonstrate fly tying at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7. These programs are free.

Richard Hartley and Paul Diodati from the Massachusetts Fish and Game Department will outline the fresh- and salt-water fishing opportunities in Massa-

◀ From left are: (back row) Chris Nelson, Andy Haak, Paul Skinner, Thomas Valleau, Will English; front row, Molly Childs, Allison Caffrey, Mary Claire Olsheskie, Becky Langlais. Not pictured: Doug Johnson and Frank Mundo.

chusetts on Jan. 27. The following week, Gerry Crow will show the use of the Internet for fishing and fishing-related activities. Jack Gartside will provide a slide show on fishing for striped bass in Boston Harbor on Feb. 10, and conduct a fly-tying demonstration. The last week will feature Ed Lombard on fly fishing in New England. A separate display room will be set aside for literature, catalogs, and magazines from selected manufacturers. Fishing equipment, flies, tackle, maps and photographs will also be on display throughout the month.

Fly-tying demonstrations by members of Andover Fly Fishers will be held Wednesdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, and 16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the circulation area on the first floor. Call Norma Gammon, community service coordinator, at 623-8401, Ext. 49.

25th annual Andover Crafts in the Park accepting applications through March 1

The 25th annual Andover Crafts in the Park will be held Saturday, May 13. The craft show committee, headed by Sue Wahr of Andover, will accept applications through March 1.

Andover Crafts in the Park is a juried craft show of approximately 150 exhibits, with limited numbers of crafters per craft. Only original, hand-crafted work is considered. The show is held outdoors at the Park in Andover Center the day before Mother's Day. Free parking is provided and food is available on site. Hosts are present during the day to assist crafters and pro-

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A long tradition: Two AMC/AVIS events celebrate winter

By Marta Hornidge, AVIS member

The annual AMC (Appalachian Mountain Club) and AVIS (Andover Village Improvement Society) breakfast and ski/walk is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 30, and the moonlight ski/walk for Sunday, Feb. 6. Burt Batcheller of Moor and Mountain and David Dargie, an AVIS trustee, will once again host the two winter events.

Following a tradition dating back as many as 25 years, AVIS and AMC have co-sponsored a Sunday morning breakfast followed by a ski/hike at Harold Rafton Reservation. For many years when snow covering was more predicable, ski races (with prizes) were held after an outdoor breakfast was eaten. Sausages, fried potatoes, coffee/hot chocolate and filled donuts were standard menus. Today, hot drinks with healthy muffins are a sign of the times; although - on demand - cream-filled donuts are still included to satisfy those who remember the good old days.

All ages are invited: small children cuddled in packs, older children learning to ski or snowshoe, and grandparents remembering when they introduced their own children to this occasion. Walks or ski trips are guided, one for children only. Walking through beautiful Harold Rafton Reservation, the largest of AVIS's properties, is a treat. The path winds around through a large stand of paper white birch and hemlocks, and crosses small streams. Interesting beaver action has flooded one area, making an impassable lake through one section, though it may be frozen if the frigid weather continues. Animal tracks of deer, fischer and others animals are

fun to spot.

Park at the entrance to Andover's leaf compost area across from Harold Rafton Reservation on High Plain Road. The breakfast spot is in the hollow a short distance down High Plain Road.

The moonlight ski/hike at Goldsmith Woodlands is also sponsored by AVIS and AMC. The traditional leaders, Burt Batcheller and David Dargie, will lead the event beginning at 7 p.m. Although the calendar predicts a full moon, the unpredictables are cloud cover and the hour the moon rises. If moonlight is

sparse, head lamps and flashlights and guiding stars will light the paths.

This family event includes children of all ages, walking, skiing or warmly cozy in backpacks. When Scouts' Hollow is reached, about a mile's journey, a welcoming, warming fire will greet the travelers. Thermoses of hot chocolate and hot cider, munchies, and whatever goodies people bring will be devoured.

This moonlight event has increased in popularity from six participants to 18 in the few years it has been held. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the trail head of Goldsmith Woodlands, off Route 28 across from Gould Road.



For 25 years, AVIS and the Andover chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club have co-sponsored a Sunday morning breakfast (above left), followed by a ski/hike at Harold Rafton Reservation.

OBITUARIES

Alexandra L'Heureux Former Sanborn student

Alexandra L'Heureux, 6, of Aliso Viejo, Calif., formerly of Devonshire Place, died suddenly Monday, Jan. 10, at home. She would have been 7 years old on Jan. 30.



Alexandra
L'Heureux

Alexandra was a student at LLL Preschool and at Sanborn Elementary School before she moved to California with her parents, Steven and Cathy L'Heureux, in June.

At the request of her parents, memorial contributions may be made to LLL Preschool, 129 Reservation Road, Andover 01810, care of Linda Torrisi.

Mary C. Dunn Worked as a private nurse

Mary C. (Flaherty) Dunn, 91, of Washington Park Drive died Friday, Jan. 14, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Dunn was born in Boston.

The nursing school graduate worked as a private nurse. Later she was a tele-

phone operator for New England Telephone Co. in Stoneham and Arlington.

Mrs. Dunn was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her daughter, Carol Meiselman of Boston; son, John Holohan of Sacramento, Calif.; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was the widow of David J. Holohan, Joseph Goodman and Edward F. Dunn.

A funeral Mass was said Monday at St. Augustine Church. Burial was in Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Roy R. Farr Farmer, developer, rancher

Roy R. Farr, 69, of Jupiter, Fla., died Saturday, Jan. 15, at home.

Mr. Farr was born in Stoneham.

The former Andover resident was a tomato farmer who built greenhouses before he founded his development company. His company built residential complexes, including Farrwood and Heritage Green in North Andover and Farrwood Green Condominiums in the Bradford section of Haverhill.

Mr. Farr moved to Florida 18 years ago and established the C. Farr Ranch and Grove, where he raised beef cattle

and grew citrus.

The Air Force veteran enjoyed gliding and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Members of his family include his wife, Charlene (Green) Farr of Jupiter; sons and daughters-in-law, Sean and Christine Farr of Granville, Vt., and David and Dana Porter of Chester Springs, Pa.; daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Glenn Williams and Nancy and Joseph Fiorenza, all of Okeechobee, Fla.; Debbie and Glen Rowell of Bradford, and Erin and Nicholas Pathiakakis of California; brothers, Arthur Farr of Oregon and George Farr of North Andover; sister, Theo Heberton of Tewksbury; 13 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home in North Andover. Funeral services were private.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville, Vt.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Home for Little Wanderers in Boston; or to the Lighthouse for the Blind.

Samuel J. Jackson Gourmet chef and caterer

Samuel John "Jack" Jackson, 58, died Saturday, Jan. 8.

The gourmet chef and caterer was born and educated in Andover.

He was a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, National Audubon Society and other associations.

He was a devoted Christian.

Members of his family include his son, J. Russell Jackson; daughters, Laura E. Quinlan, Judith A. Olisky, and Shelley Jillson; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at First Calvary Baptist Church in North Andover.

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Beatrice S. Stulgis, 87
Joseph J. Zazzo, 76

Deaths Elsewhere

GARCIA - Jessika Garcia, 17, of Methuen died Thursday, Jan. 13, at Boston Children's Hospital, after suffering an asthma attack at home.

Ms. Garcia was a machine drafting student at Greater Lawrence Technical School.

MICKEE - Irene (Stoessel) Mickee, 75, of Lawrence died Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Mickee was a supervisor with the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for more than 25 years before she retired 13 years ago.

PAQUIN - Marie D. (Hamel) Chalifour Paquin, 100, of Salem, N.H., died Friday, Jan. 14, at Integrated Health Services Nursing Home in Derry, N.H.

Members of her family include her son, Henri R. Chalifour of Andover.

ZAZZO - Joseph J. Zazzo, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wingate at Andover.

Members of his family include his sister, Lydia Santagati of Andover.

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OBITUARIES

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Sandra Levin Member of Temple Emanuel

Sandra (Kutzer) Levin, 67, of Boca Raton, Fla., died Saturday, Jan. 15, at Boca Community Hospital.

Mrs. Levin was born in and educated in Brooklyn, N.Y.

She moved to Andover in 1971 and was a member of Temple Emanuel and its Sisterhood.

She moved to Florida in 1994.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, David and Michele Levin of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.; daughter, Donna Cohen of Andover; sisters, Harriette Kresshaver of Boca Raton, Fla., and Lucille Friedman of Sunrise, Fla.; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of Morton Levin.

A funeral was held Tuesday in Temple Emanuel. Burial was in Temple Emanuel Cemetery in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, Haverhill/Bradford.

A memorial observance was to be held at the home of Donna Cohen, 15 Candlewood Drive through Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Alfred J. Long Retired waiter

Alfred J. Long, 89, of Andover died Sunday, Jan. 16, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Long was born in

Berlin, N.H., and graduated from Berlin High in 1928.

He recently moved to Andover. He was a former resident of Saugus and Lantana, Fla.

Mr. Long was a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He had been a waiter at the Red Coach Grill in Boston for 15 years when he retired. He had previously been a manager at Barney Chef's restaurant in Boston and a waiter at Wonderland Race Track restaurant.

Mr. Long was a member of St. Augustine Church and a former member of Saugus Order of Elks.

Members of his family include his wife, Cecilia (Collen) Long of Andover; sons and daughters-in-law, Alfred J. and Vivian Long Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, and E. Paul and Andrea Long of Andover; sister, Stella Michel of New York; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, Jan. 20, at St. Augustine Church at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at a later date in Riverside Cemetery in Saugus.

Arrangements are by Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home in Lynn.

Beatrice S. Stulgis Was a member of Christ Church

Beatrice S. (Sargent) Stulgis, 87, of Andover died Tuesday, Jan. 11, at home.

Mrs. Stulgis was born in Lawrence.

She was a member of Christ Church and Andover Garden Club.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-

in-law, Jonathan and Amy Stulgis of Charlestown; daughter, Linda Stulgis of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of Vincent F. Stulgis.

A committal service Friday in Spring Grove Cemetery was followed by a memorial service in Christ Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

George Silverman Lived in Andover for 40 years

George J. Silverman, 89, of Andover died Saturday, Jan. 8, at home.

Mr. Silverman was born in Lawrence. He graduated from Phillips Academy in 1929, Stanford University and University of Washington at Seattle. He had lived in Andover for 40 years.

Mr. Silverman served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was discharged as a sergeant.

The avid reader was an antique dealer in Greater Lawrence for many years before he retired.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, John R. and Penne Silverman of Chicago, Ill.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the widower of Mary V. (Fitzgerald) Silverman.

Funeral services were private.

Arrangements were by Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home in

Lawrence.

David MacLauchlan Lived here until joining the Army in 1945

David MacLauchlan, 72, of Tacoma, Wash., died Friday, Jan. 7, at Fort Lewis military base.

Mr. MacLauchlan grew up and lived in Andover until he joined the Army in 1945. He retired from the Army in 1976.

Members of his family include his wife, Dorothy Egolf of Tacoma, Wash.; son, David MacLauchlan of Arizona; daughter, Deirdre MacLauchlan of Tacoma; brothers, Donald MacLauchlan and Robert MacLauchlan, both of Chicago, Ill.; sisters, Marjorie Metcalf of South Carolina, Isabel Hibbs of Mississippi, and Ernestine Hill of Florida; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late William MacLauchlan and Joanne MacLauchlan.

Services were held Friday at the Fort Lewis military chapel. Burial was in the Fort Lewis military cemetery.

Jean D. Strong Was MGH social worker

Jean D. Strong of Vero Beach, Fla., died Monday, Jan. 17, at National Health Care Place, after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Strong was born in Andover. She was a graduate of Phillips Academy and of Simmons College School of Social Work in Boston.

Mrs. Strong moved to Vero Beach in 1996 from Shooting Creek, N.C.

She was a social worker at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and worked for the American Red Cross during World War II.

Mrs. Strong was a member of the Vero Beach Country Club.

Members of her family include her stepsons, Worth Manus of Atlanta, Ga., and Robert Strong of Vero Beach; stepdaughter, Geraldine Gocke of Wilmington, N.C., and cousins, Bonnie LeJeune of Starkville, Miss., and Elizabeth Jackson of Pottstown, Pa.

Interment will be at Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Strunk Funeral Home in Vero Beach, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to VNA/Hospice of Indian River County, 1111 36th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960.

James R. Reid Former resident, retired from Raytheon

James R. Reid, 96, of Daytona, Florida, formerly of Andover, died Saturday at Good Samaritan Center in Daytona Beach.

Reid retired from Raytheon in 1970 where he was an electrical engineer.

Born in Boston, he served in the Navy during World War II.

The widower of Bertha M. (Dalton) Reid, he leaves sister Helen of Boston and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

There will be no calling hours.

A funeral Mass will be today at 1 p.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

OBITUARIES

The Townsman will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover. Questions?

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Business

Business briefs ...

United Way contributions up 10 percent this year

The United Way of Merrimack Valley announced that its local campaign raised 10.8 percent, or \$402,966, more than last year for a total of \$4,137,503.

The money will come from hundreds of local companies, individuals, and employee groups, whose donations will benefit 52 United Way member agencies providing services in the Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire.

At a recent meeting at the Ramada Rolling Green in Andover, **Jim Vanderpol**, United Way president, thanked 400 supporters plus the 1999-2000 campaign chair, **Thom Clark** of Saints Memorial Medical Center, six area chairs, and hundreds of volunteers who organized and supported this year's fund drive.

The \$4.1 million, said Clark, includes results from local completed campaigns as well as those still under way or scheduled next month. It does not include the United Ways of New England campaign, from which the United Way of Merrimack Valley expects to receive \$1.2 to \$1.3 million.

Results of the local geographic areas are: Seacoast Area, chaired by **Keith Congdon** of Ambrosi Donahue Congdon, \$148,828; Southern New Hampshire, chaired by **John Moody** of the Salem, N.H. School District, \$163,790; Greater Haverhill, chaired by **Mike Hart** of MacGregor & Hart, P.C., \$193,776; Greater Lowell, chaired by **Chet Szablak** of Enterprise Bank, \$1,471,303; Greater Lawrence, chaired by **R. Paul O'Neill** of Yankee Alliance, \$1,634,217. Another \$392,000 is donated by organizations out of area.

Presentations of appreciation were made to **Wendy Horton** of the American Red Cross and **William Patterson** of Andover IRS for their help with the campaign, to **Leonard Wilson**, president of First Essex Bank, for recruitment efforts for United Way's Loaned Executive Program, and to **George Cowan** of Cowan Communications for providing training to the loaned executives.

The Loaned Executive Program places employees from supportive companies at United Way as full-time campaigners for 12 weeks. Serving in this capacity in 1998-99 were: **Robert Bernier** of First Essex Bank, **Paul Cox** of Bell Atlantic, **Kelly MacDonald** of Saints Memorial Medical Center, **Brian Mathey** of United Parcel Service, and **Barbara Biondo** of Lawrence Savings Bank. Retired executive account managers were: **Larry Brooks** of North Andover, **Al Kountze** and **Chris Young** of Andover, and **Peg Serley** of Haverhill.

Special recognition plaques were given to *The Eagle-Tribune* for its media coverage of "Operation Necessity," helping to raise \$48,000 for Kosovo refugees; The

Haverhill Gazette for its year-round coverage of United Way activities, events and success stories; and the Lowell Lock Monsters for their recent partnership with the United Way in helping children.

The second annual "Spirit of the Valley" award was presented to Lawrence Savings Bank for its support of the United Way campaign and local volunteerism.

United Way board member **Nicola Tsongas** presented a new "Chairman's Award" to Peg Serley for service as an outstanding volunteer.

Finding the computer-supply niche

Can a mom-and-pop-sized computer supply outfit make it today?

Yeah, right. Not likely in a world where computer catalogs from the mega-supply stores show up at everybody's house almost every week. Not likely in a world where bigger is not only better but practically mandatory, since volume discounts are the only way to survive.

But somehow, in the midst of all that cutthroat competition, New England Computer Supply, of Park Street, Andover, is celebrating its 15th year in business, and while owner **Jack Bigelow** is not anticipating a multi-million-dollar IPO anytime soon, he has enough business to keep things going.

Ironically, most of that business is outside of Massachusetts, but given the new world of e-commerce, state borders don't really mean much anymore anyway.

The key, he says, is finding a niche that doesn't interest the bigger players all that much.

When I started out, we used to sell toner cartridges by the skid-load," he says, "and the larger outfits have taken that away."

But what they haven't taken away are the somewhat more esoteric items like left-handed keyboards and height-adjustable monitor and CPU stands.

There are other niches still available as well. Bigelow says he is seriously considering getting into the printer repair business, since there is such a demand for that. "We've done about 10 of those just in the past week," he says.

In short, he says there is still plenty of room for smaller companies who cater to specialized needs and who provide a level of customer service that the big catalog outfits don't even want to think about.

The Northeastern University grad, who has lived in Andover for 18 years, says he was working in logistics management for a computer company in Burlington, supplying 26 domestic offices with computer spare parts — things like PC boards, hard disk drives and the like.

"I came up with a business plan for

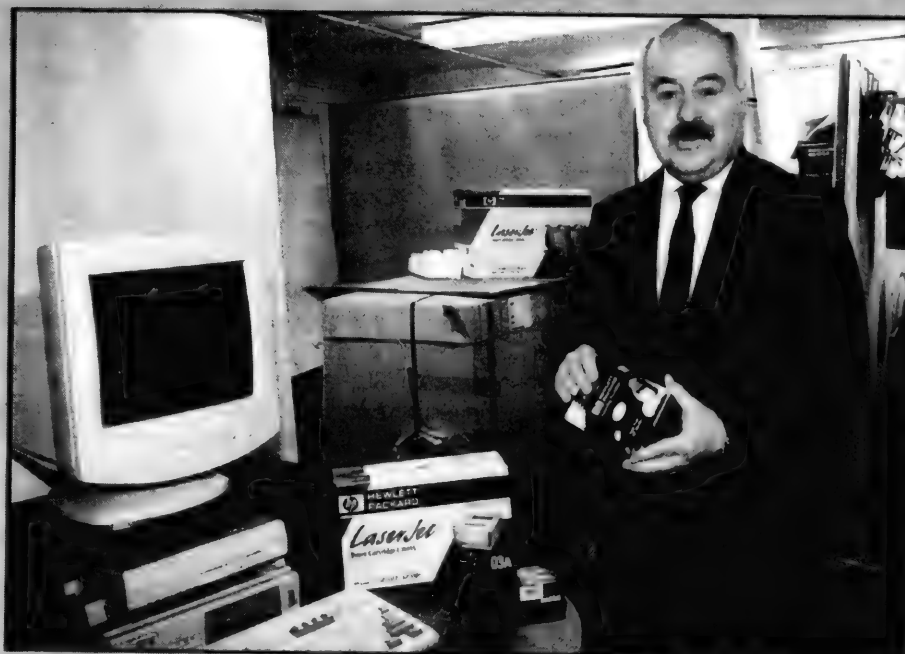


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You want it? Jack Bigelow may have it, even if the bigger computer supply outfits don't.

computer consumables, which is, of course, what they are," he says, "and I kept rewriting it, and finally decided I'd do it on my own. We started in Stoneham, and 15 years later, here we are."

Bigelow sells plenty of somewhat standard products, including printer ribbons, toner, inkjet cartridges and the like. But he's also devoted much of his product line to ergonomics — things that can help office workers avoid or cope with repetitive-motion injuries like carpal tunnel syndrome or tendinitis.

"We're not ergonomic professionals," he says, "but we can address a lot of problems from a practical standpoint. Sometimes it involves just the height of the monitor — you're supposed to be looking down at about a 15-degree angle. Sometimes it's an arm rest, or an adjustment of a chair. A lot of these guidelines came out long before OSHA (had them)."

And then there are the items that no catalog outfit would ever sell in enough volume to justify carrying them. On one page of his company's new Web site <ergosupply.com>, New England Computer Supply features big-key key-

boards, small-footprint keyboards and single-handed keyboard for both right and left hands.

He says he does a fair amount of business with Bath Ironworks in Maine, for ship computers. "And then last week I got a call from eBay (the best-known Internet auction site)," he says, "looking for glare screens specifically for their monitors."

Bigelow says he hopes to grow his company gradually, and expects the Internet business to be a factor in that. "We actually just launched it Christmas Eve," he says, "and it takes some time to get on all the search engines."

So while at the moment he employs just four people and conducts the operation from his Park Street office, he says he may be adding staff if the repair business grows as he expects it will.

"We do a lot of hand-holding," he says. "We visit a lot of customers. Because I've been in business for 15 years, I have the background in many cases to find what a customer wants. And customer service is something people are always going to need."

— Taylor Armerding

McCloskey honored for service at Constitution Museum

John McCloskey of Andover was recently recognized for 300 hours of volunteer service at the USS Constitution Museum.

Volunteers are often the link between the visitors of the USS Constitution Museum and the historical significance of the *USS Constitution*, according to Museum Executive Director **Burt Logan**.

McCloskey was one of 30 volunteers for the Museum over the past 12 months

who were honored at a recent ceremony.

Volunteers who reached certain milestones (100, 300, 500, 750, 1,000 and 3,000 hours) received gifts to commemorate their achievements. Members that comprise the "1812 Marines" Detachment each received citations for 100 hours of Notable Service.

"If it were not for these volunteers, we would not be able to accomplish as much as we have over this year," said Logan. "Volunteers are an integral part of our museum."

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Antiques can add style, character to your home

By Michelle Eld

No doubt you've perused a few flea markets in your lifetime, or tuned in to PBS' "Antiques Roadshow" on occasion. Antiques are one of those things you either love or hate. If you're one who loves looking at, reading about and shopping for antiques, flea markets and galleries are probably where you like to spend your free time. And in these days of the Internet, you can even browse and purchase them from on-line auctions.

The word antique seems to be thrown around a lot, describing virtually anything that looks old. But the term antique, while formerly applied only to objects of preclassical and classical cultures of the ancient world, now apply to artifacts of historic, aesthetic and monetary value that are more than 100 years old. Antique collecting began with the preservation of religious objects in antiquity but today includes a vast range of decorative objects and memorabilia, according to

Encyclopedia Britannica.

If you enjoy the look of antiques and appreciate their rich history, chances are you'd like to display them in your home or office. While there's certainly no hard and fast rules about decorating with antiques, there are a few suggestions antique dealers can offer.

Starting out

While Stuart Miller Jr. of New England Gallery Inc. in Andover, primarily deals with other collectors and galleries, he occasionally helps out customers looking to decorate their homes with antiques.

As far as decorating goes, Mr. Miller suggests you first determine which style you want, as the nucleus of your collection. He recommends people research the period that style represents, then start out with the basics within that style or period. Everything else will fall into place after that, he said.

Antiques can fall into many different categories, depending on when and where they were made. For example, Federal style antiques are

pieces of furniture made in the historic period directly following our nation's independence (1786 until 1810), according to the Antiques Roadshow website. It's among this country's most valuable furniture, second only to pieces from the Chippendale period (1760-1780).

There are some notable differences between the two styles which tell them apart: Federal style furniture oftentimes features images of eagles and urns, and has flat veneers and inlaid wood. This contrasts to the Chippendale style, which typically features elaborately carved woods.

No matter what price level you start at, said Mr. Miller, try and pick something at the best state of preservation of the original.

It might go without saying, but it's important to feel a connection to the antique you're purchasing. "Pick out what you like," said Mr. Miller. "It's going to hit you right away."

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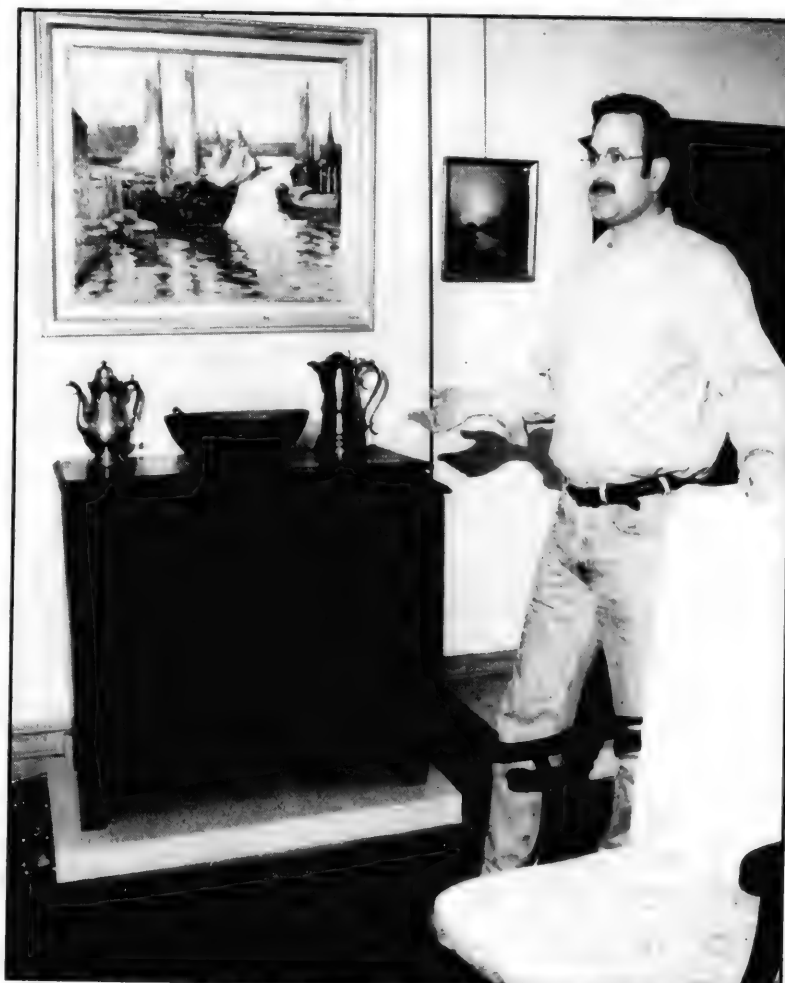


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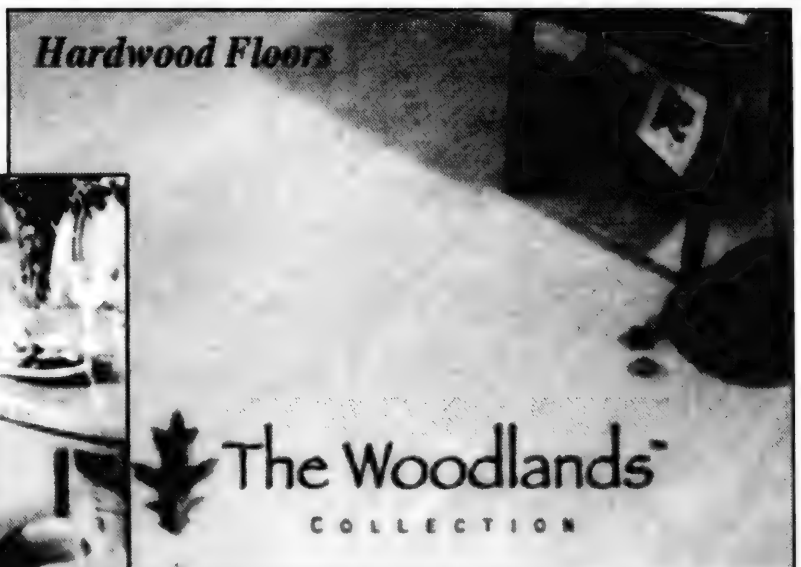
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Antiques can add style, character to your home

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You, as a collector, should be passionate about the antiques you choose. It will undoubtedly make your trips to galleries and flea markets more fun. This goes not just for furniture and paintings, but memorabilia that could become valuable in the future, as well. If you love baseball, invest in baseball cards; if you love the Beatles, start collecting mint condition records from the band's early years.

Now and later

The best advice Mr. Miller can give people is: "don't be a price shopper". If an item is a good example of its category, then it's okay to stretch a bit and spend more, he said.

Many times, if people think an item is too pricey, they'll buy something similar but less expensive, said Mr. Miller. However, when purchasing an antique, the customer should focus less on what they're paying at the time and more toward what it will be worth in years to come. In other words, it might be hard to part with a larger sum of money now, but that investment will most likely pay off later on.

The Antiques Roadshow website offers similar advice: spend a few extra dollars today and you'll reap big rewards tomorrow. Condition is the name of the game in collecting antiques, especially when it comes to

"Pick out what you like. It's going to hit you right away."

**Stuart Miller,
on buying antiques**

something you're going to display in your home or office. If an item has been changed in anyway from its original state, it's worth less than if it hasn't been tampered with over the years.

Also, the rarity of an item is key. The Antiques Roadshow states the first rule is to buy what is rare, not what is popular. When objects are mass-produced, they are just too common to become valuable. For example, rarity is the reason why diamonds are so valuable and in-demand, and not, say, coal.

What's in a name?

Sometimes, big names yield higher prices, and vice versa.

He points out a 1920 painting of Gloucester Harbor. The artist is a lesser-known name and is valued at about \$17,000. But a similar painting

done by a more popular artist with a recognizable name might go for thousands more, according to Mr. Miller.

"This is as good a quality as some \$50,000 paintings," he said.

Mix and match

So, you've decided you want to decorate the rooms in your home with some antiques. How do you know which style to get, where to put them and how to present them?

Mr. Miller said he has seen people mix different period antiques within the same room or area. While he says Americana and Continental don't mix as well as other combinations would, he has seen many people displaying Oriental with Americana, which mixes very well. It seems every home that keys in on Americana, he said, has Oriental accessories.

Folk art, another antique style, looks good in modern or rustic settings but not so well in colonial settings, according to Mr. Miller.

He has also seen people hang antique paintings in their modern-style homes, incorporating two opposite ends of the spectrum.

It all comes down to personal taste. Many people feel they have to stick with all country, or all Victorian or all traditional, but articles from every era can be mixed successfully, according to the Forest E. Lauer Antique website.



Photo by Patricia Ryan

Bottom line: go with what you love.

That same website offers advice on using contrasting colors. Contrasting colors look good together because they are directly opposite on the color wheel. Red and green is probably the most popular contrasting color combination and can be used throughout the year - not just at Christmas.

To learn more about a particular style you like, you can turn to books to

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Antiques can add style, character to your home

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guide you in your search. By perusing through books about the Federal period, for example, you can see how the "look" fits together and what the history of each piece is.

Mr. Miller suggests finding an antique dealer you trust to educate you about antiques. A good dealer will help you put together an ensemble that suits you. Mr. Miller tries to educate his customers on the history of the antiques, as well as offer advice on how to restore or clean them.

Savvy shoppers

Do you like to visit flea markets to browse for good deals? Sometimes you get lucky and find the antique you've been looking for to accent a room in your home, while other times you leave empty handed. It all depends on the luck of the draw. About.com offers these tips to keep in mind the next time you head off to a flea market, saving you time, money and your patience.

- Take bags. Grab a handful of plastic shopping bags and stuff them in your purse. Use rubber bands to keep them contained and neat.

- Take a big car, van or pickup truck in case you purchase a large item. Also, be sure to take along a small tool kit; you might need to remove legs, mirrors, etc.

- Bring packing materials, such as

Find a dealer you trust to educate you about antiques.

old blankets, tarps, tissue paper, bubble wrap, boxes, tape, rope, twine and knife. Store these items in a tote box inside your trunk for convenience. By wrapping items carefully, it will ensure you get your purchases home undamaged.

- Arrive early so as not to miss out on any of the great deals.

- Have a plan before you set out. Some people like to quickly peruse everything, then double back to what interests them. Others prefer to start in one place and proceed slowly throughout the flea market.

- Take a guidebook, such as Kovel's, so you can check values, markings or styles. Don't be afraid to ask for advice and tips from antique vendors. They will probably be more than happy to tell you about the items and repair/restoration of antiques.

- To get creative ideas to implement

in your own home, keep an eye out for how items are displayed at flea markets. Think innovatively so items meant for one use can be adapted to be used in another way. For example, industrial beakers used as vases, sewing machine cabinets modified to hold plants, cabinet doors that can be made into tabletops.

- See the possibilities. Even if something isn't "perfect", look beyond the rough exterior. Ask yourself questions like, what would it look like painted black or white? Could the frame be gold-leafed? Would that lamp base be perfect if you found a new shade? Could the cracked plates be hung high on a wall? Can you decoupage flower prints onto that old box?

- Don't be afraid to negotiate. If you have enough cash on you, ask the vendor what his or her best price is for cash. Or ask him or her if they would take "x" amount of dollars right now. Vendors usually prefer cash, as it saves them a trip to the bank and keeps them from worrying about bad checks.

- Enjoy yourself. Even though you might not always find something you love, you might get lucky the next time. Or, you might purchase something in the moment but get it home and decide it's not for you. If you don't have time to go to flea markets during the day, you can always log on to the Internet at night and shop from various on-line flea markets or auctions.



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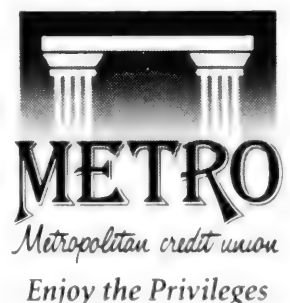
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1. When trying to use a jointer plane to make a sharp, square edge on a board, a wooden guide attached to the bottom of your plane helps you keep it from tipping to one side or the other. Choose a square-edged piece of three-quarter-inch stock 3 or 4 inches wide and cut it about 3 inches longer than the plane. Cut a notch one-eighth inch deep by one-half inch wide in the guide's top edge to clear the protruding plane iron (blade) so the guide will sit flat against the plane's base. Bore two three-sixteenth-inch diameter mounting holes through the plane's base three-eighths of an inch from the edge. Attach the guide to the plane with two 1-and-one-quarter-inch No. 8 sheet-metal screws.

To use, simply keep the guide flat against the face of the workpiece while planning. The guide will keep the edge square and prevent the plane from tipping.

2. Sawdust that collects along the fence of a radial arm screw can cause inaccurate cutting. The sawdust forms small mounds that keep the workpiece from fitting tightly against the fence. Spacer blocks made from one-eighth-by-three-quarters by 1-inch softwood spaced 6 inches apart along the fence

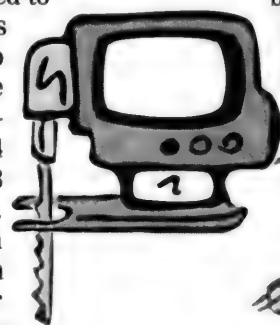
leaves a slot that allows the sawdust to escape. Attach the spacers to the outside surface of the fence flush with the bottom edge with small nails. Position the fence on the saw so the spacer blocks face forward below the worktable's surface. Don't put a block directly under the saw-blade path. Tighten the fence lock knobs to hold the fence securely in place.

3. Cutting wooden rings using a saber saw or jigsaw requires time consuming setups. Using a multiple blade hole saw and a drill makes perfect rings (and neat holes for tools or glasses in the board you can cut them from). Mount two blades in the hole saw's toolhead at the same time picking them to produce a ring of the required thickness and diameter.

You can use either a handheld electric drill or a drill press.

4. You can make small-diameter decorative finials and knobs without a wood lathe by mounting a dowel in the chuck of a drill press or an electric drill mounted in a drill stand. Working with files, rasps, abrasive tapes and cords, you can easily contour the dowel to the desired shape. For best results, run the drill at its highest speed and use the fine-grit abrasives for the finishing touches.

5. Cutting dados in the uprights to mount shelves often leaves splintered edges where the saw tears the crossgrain, especially in plywood veneers. To prevent this, score two lines just outside the lines of the cut with a sharp razor knife. The cuts make clean dados with saws, routers, or shapers.



Protecting your home from fire

By Popular Mechanics
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Question: We are concerned about fire. What is the absolute safest way to protect a wooden home with standard frame construction?

Answer: Affordable and dependable sprinkler systems with low-profile heads are available for one- and two-family homes. A sprinkler system combined with smoke detectors provides the most reliable form of residential fire protection for you and your family. Excluding deaths by explosion or flash fire, there are no known cases of multiple deaths in a fully sprinklerized building due to fire or smoke, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. Though 80 percent of fire deaths occur in residential buildings, they rarely have sprinklers.

Residential sprinklers are designed to protect people in the area of fire

origin and reduce fire damage. They activate five to seven times faster than standard commercial sprinklers and have a different spray pattern and droplet size. Also, they prevent fire from growing to the flashover stage. This occurs when gases from burning materials accumulate and explode. Generally, flashover takes place when the temperature at ceiling level reaches 1,000 F to 2,000 F which sometimes takes only two to three minutes.

Designers have paid special attention to the appearance of the sprinkler heads. These project only about three-quarters of an inch from the finished ceiling. Many use escutcheon plates that can be painted or plated. The heads thread into feed pipes. Sprinklers can be installed during new construction or retrofitted into existing homes. For more information, contact the National Fire Sprinkler Assn., Route 22, Box 1000, Patterson, NY 12563; 914-878-4200.

Learning about copper tubing can save you hassles later on

By Len Tremblay, P.E.

Let's say you're contemplating a home addition that will involve some plumbing – a new bathroom, perhaps. Or maybe you're in the process of having a new home built or you are having your plumbing replaced in an older house. Why should you have to know anything about copper tubing – after all, isn't this the plumber's job?

Well, there really is no substitute for an educated consumer – and this applies to plumbing, too. Knowing a little about copper tubing now can save you considerable time and expense down the road. So, here's the primer on copper tubing, along with some words of caution.

Know your copper tubing

Copper tubing for residential use comes in three basic types:

Type K: Heavy wall tubing used mostly for underground applications.

Type L: Moderate wall thickness tubing used for domestic water supply.

Type M: Light wall thickness tubing used for hot water heating systems.

The tubing type is stamped on each length of copper tubing, so it is easy to tell one type from another by quick visual inspection. Most home improvement and plumbing supply stores carry all three types.

There are two basic uses of copper tubing in homes:

The thinner-walled Type M tubing, inappropriately installed in domestic water supply applications, may not cause you a problem. But in this application, Type M is more likely to fail over time than Type L because of the differences in wall thickness.

1. If you have a hot water heating system, the tubes that feed your baseboard heaters are usually made of copper tubing. Copper tubing is also used to carry your domestic water supply (both hot and cold water) to your bath, kitchen and laundry.

Lighter wall Type M copper tubing is used on hot water heating systems because these systems usually operate at lower pressure of 20 or 30 pounds per square inch (psi). Additionally, unlike domestic water supply systems, the flow rate of water in hot water heating systems is lower and large quantities of new water are not routinely introduced into the heating system, so tube thinning

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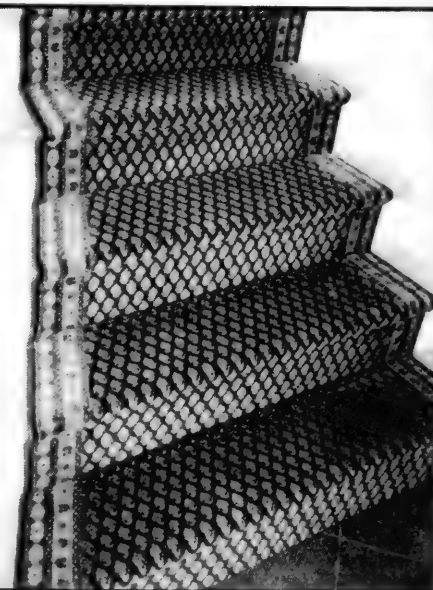
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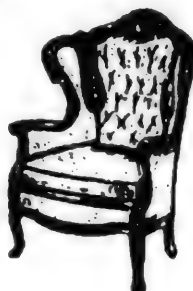


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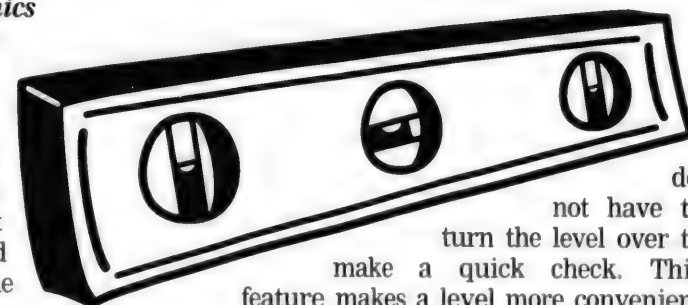
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Even the most basic toolkit for any house or apartment dweller should include at least one level. Over the years, you'll probably find a need for several more and add them to your tool collection. This simple, easy-to-use tool is a necessity for checking work in a true horizontal plane (called level) and a true vertical plane (called plumb). It is also indispensable for adjusting things like record players, pendulum clocks and washing machines or refrigerators that must be plumb or level to operate properly.

Levels come in a variety of types and range in length from a few inches to several feet. The carpenter's torpedo and line levels are the most commonly used types by homeowners.

Carpenter's levels range in length from 18 to 48 inches. Specialized mason's levels are even longer. But for most home use, a 24-incher is probably the best combining convenience with enough length for almost all requirements. Most levels come with three vials: a lengthwise center vial with two bubble tubes for checking horizontal surfaces. These tubes are marked and aligned so the lower tube works with the bottom surface and the top tube with the upper surface so you

do not have to turn the level over to make a quick check. This feature makes a level more convenient but not necessarily more accurate. Still, it's a feature to look for to indicate a quality level. One or sometimes two end vials aligned perpendicular to the edges of the level check plumb and a 45-degree vial checks that angle accurately.

The torpedo level is much shorter, usually no more than 9 inches long, and is handy for working in tight spots where a long carpenter's level will not fit. It has flat surfaces top and bottom with canoe-shaped sides and pointed ends for reaching into corners when checking walls or cabinets. Newer models of torpedo levels have three vials like the carpenter's levels and some have a magnetic edge which sticks it in place while checking steel shelving or appliances so you can work with both hands free for making any needed adjustments. Of course, these don't hold position on wooden surfaces but they can also be used like ordinary levels and they do make the appliance adjuster's life much easier.

The line level is shorter still, usually about three inches long. It has two hooks on top so you can hand the instrument from a string stretched tightly across a wide span. It's a good tool for masons doing foundation and grading work or for house builders and construction carpentry.

You can also get a bull's eye level which shows plumb in all directions at the same time. This is a round disk with a flat bottom and circular center with radial guide-lines. Place it on a flat surface like a table top or the end of a post and it will show whether the surface is true or tilted in one direction or another. Bull's-eye levels are particularly handy when permanently mounted in a recreational vehicle or trailer. After leveling the vehicle on a paved surface, permanently mount the bubble bull's-eye level where the driver can see it. Then, when pulling into a camp site, the driver has only to maneuver the vehicle until the bubble shows that he's got it level. Then nobody will fall out of bed or be uncomfortable because he parked it at a slight angle.

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How to make your home eco-friendly

By Michelle Eld and Jennifer Valeri

Think back to how many times you've complained about those high energy bills you get each month. It costs a lot to heat, cool and light your home, but there are ways to cut down on these bills just by considering a few inexpensive energy-efficient measures. And at the same time, you can help reduce air pollution.

It all starts with you, in your own home. An environmentally-friendly, energy-efficient house can not only make it more comfortable, it can also yield long-term financial rewards.

According to a report by the Department of Energy, the typical U. S. family spends close to \$1300 a year on their home's utility bills. However, the amount of energy being wasted through poorly insulated windows and doors alone is comparable to as much energy as we get from the Alaskan Pipeline every year.

Take a look at each component of your home. There are easy ways to cut down here and there that you might never have thought of.

Heating and cooling

The majority of energy in the typical household goes to heating and cooling – actually, about 44 percent of your utility bill. This includes the use of heating systems (i.e. radiators), ventilation systems, air conditioners and fans.

Heating your home in the winter doesn't have to be as costly as you think. According to the DOE, you can save as much as 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills simply by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours. You can easily do this before heading off to work in the morning, then turning it back up when you get home at night.

Or, if that's too much to worry about, you can invest in a programmable thermostat, which will automatically adjust the temperature according to your pre-set schedule. That way, there is less energy being used when the house is unoccupied or the family is sleeping.

Another way to cut back on heating costs is to shut the door of a spare room that no one uses, closing it off from the rest of the house and turning off the heat in that room.

You can't see the duct system that runs throughout your house but nevertheless, it can be wasting a lot of energy just by being poorly insulated. The duct system is responsible for carrying the air from your furnace and central air conditioner to each room. According to the DOE, ducts that leak heated air into unheated spaces can add hundreds of dollars a year to your heating and cooling bills.

Buying a new duct system with proper insulation already installed is a good choice, or you can seal the ducts

As many as 25 percent of all toilets leak, most leaking 11.6 gallons per hour. If left uncorrected, could waste enough water to fill one or two inground swimming pools – 52,000 to 104,000 gallons per year.

in your existing system to prevent leaks. When leaks occur, this puts an extra strain on your air conditioner or furnace.

There's nothing like a blazing fireplace to make you feel cozy on a blustery winter day. But did you know that fireplaces are one of the most inefficient heat sources you can use? A fire can send as much as 24,000 cubic feet of air every hour to the outside, which must then be replaced by incoming cold air.

Keep your fireplace damper closed when it's not being used, as keeping it open is like leaving a 48-inch window wide open during the winter, according to the DOE.

Ventilation fans (i.e. kitchen and bath) are another potential for energy waste. Be sure to turn these fans off as

soon as they have done the job because in just one hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warmed or cooled air.

Windows can account for a big chunk of your heating bill. While having lots of windows in your home can provide you with great views, they can also be the source of heat loss. Buying the right kind of windows and shades can reduce this.

Water

No matter how often we remember to shut the faucets off, it seems most of us are wasting water.

According to The Crossways, a source for information on healthier living, each of us uses 340 liters of water per day. That equates to 88 gallons a day per person in the United States. And while many of us believe water is plentiful, only 2.5 percent of the water on Earth is drinkable. Of that, just .01 percent of the drinkable water supply is accessible.

There is little question we need to conserve water.

Not surprisingly, the bathroom is where we use the most water – nearly 65 percent of all of our daily usage. And, according to The Crossways, it is the leaks that cause the most waste when it comes to water.

As many as 25 percent of all toilets leak, most leaking 11.6 gallons per hour. You might get annoyed with the

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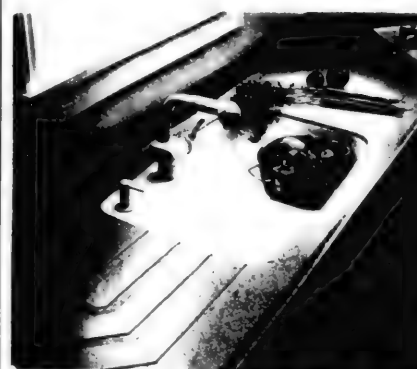
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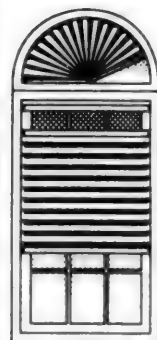
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sound of your toilet running after you flush it. That annoyance, if left uncorrected, could waste enough water to fill one or two inground swimming pools - 52,000 to 104,000 gallons per year.

Then the first piece of advice is fairly simple - fix all leaks.

The Crossways offers the following test to check for a silent leak in your toilet. Add 10 drops of food coloring in the tank. Wait 15 minutes. If there is any coloring in the toilet bowl, then you have a leak.

Leaky faucets are an annoyance and a waste. A leaky faucet wastes gallons of water within a short time, so be sure to fix any faucet leaks.

Avoid placing chlorine packs and cleaning liquids in the tank of your toilet. The chlorine can destroy the plastic or rubber mechanics inside your tank. Only clean inside the toilet bowl.

Don't use the toilet as your trash. Cotton swabs, dental floss, feminine

products and tissues do not need to be flushed. It is only a waste of water and can cause the plumbing to clog.

When your back is aching or maybe after a workout, nothing is better than a long, hot shower or a hot bath. But those baths are wasting water. A quick shower is the easiest way to curb water usage. A full bathtub can use up to 35 gallons of water, while a quick shower can use only about 17 gallons.

A family of four, each showering for five minutes a day, uses 700 gallons of water a week, according to the DOE. This is enough for a three-year supply of drinking water for one person. Cut down on your hot water usage by installing low-flow, non-aerating showerheads and faucets.

Another suggestion is to try a "sailor's shower", by turning off the shower while you lather yourself with soap and turning it on again to rinse off.

Fill the sink with water while you shave or wash your hands. You can rinse your hands or your razor in the

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Energy-Saving Tips For Your Kitchen

- Be sure to place the faucet lever on the kitchen sink in the cold position when using small amounts of water; placing the lever in the hot position uses energy to heat the water even though it never reaches the faucet.
- If you need to purchase a gas oven or range, look for one with an automatic, electric ignition system. An electric ignition saves gas because a pilot light is not burning continuously.
- In gas appliances, look for blue flames; yellow flames indicate the gas is burning inefficiently and an adjustment may be needed.
- Keep range-top burners and reflectors clean, as they will reflect the heat better and conserve energy.
- Use a covered kettle or pan to boil water: it's faster and it uses less energy.
- If you cook with electricity, turn the stovetop burners off several minutes before the allotted cooking time. The heating element will stay hot long enough to finish the cooking without using more electricity. The same principle applies to oven cooking.
- Use small electric pans or toaster ovens for small meals rather than your large stove or oven to reduce energy consumption.
- Use pressure cookers and microwave ovens whenever it is convenient to do so, in order to save energy.

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sink water, rather than run the faucet.

Turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth. With the tap running full force, brushing your teeth takes nine gallons of water; shaving takes 19 gallons.

In the kitchen, conservation habits are easy to form. Here are some quick tips to remember the next time you're preparing food:

- Boil vegetables in only enough water to cover them. While you are saving water, you are also keeping the nutrients inside the food.

- Wash fruits and vegetables together, at the same time. Washing an apple a day wastes time and water.

- Thaw frozen meats in your refrigerator. Running them under water to defrost is another waste.

- Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load. When washing dishes by hand, fill the sink. Do not run the water continuously.

- Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator to avoid running the tap until the water gets cold.

Water heating makes up 14 percent of the typical family's utility bill, with most of that going to the shower, followed by the clothes washer, dishwasher, bath and sinks, respectively.

One way to reduce energy costs is to go directly to the source: lower the thermostat on your water heater. Most

people don't realize that water heaters come from the factory with high temperature settings, but a setting of 115 degrees F should provide a comfortable level, according to the DOE.

Appliances and lighting

Home appliances suck up a large amount of energy, accounting for 20 percent of your utility bill. The dishwasher, which needs heated water, is a big one.

One way to save on energy costs here is to avoid overloading and underloading your dishwasher. If you put too many dishes inside, the machine has to work extra hard to clean all of them, but if you put too little in, you're wasting water by doing too many frequent loads.

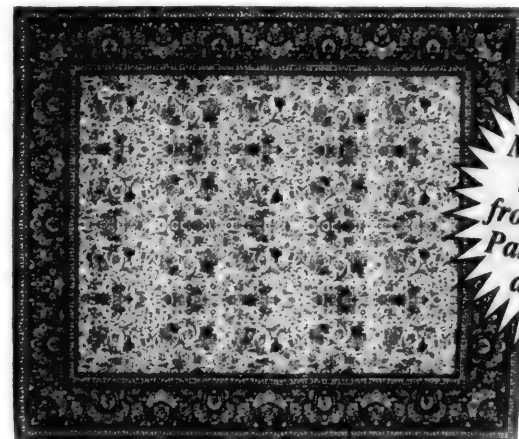
Letting your dishes air dry is another idea. If your dishwasher doesn't come with an automatic air-dry setting, shut the machine off after the final rinse and open the door just a little so as to let air in. Using the "rinse hold" on your machine for a few dirty dishes isn't worth it - this uses between three and seven gallons of hot water each time.

Doing the laundry not only exhausts you, it exhausts your household's energy. According to the DOE, about 80 to 85 percent of the energy used for washing clothes is for heating the water. Using less water and using

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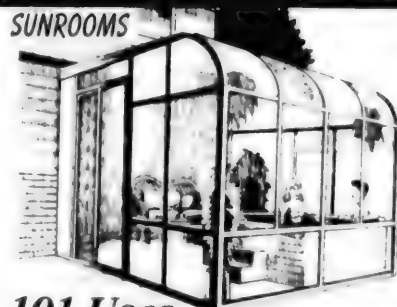
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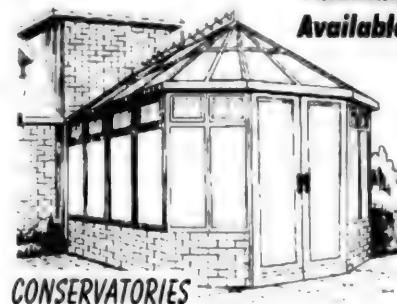
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cooler water can help with this. Switching the temperature setting from hot to warm can cut a load's energy use in half.

As far as clothes dryers go, it's wise to have a machine with a moisture sensor, which automatically shuts down when your clothes are dry. And having a gas dryer is cheaper than having an electric one: its costs 30 to 40 cents to dry a load in an electric dryer, compared with 15 to 25 cents in a gas dryer.

Lighting your home, indoors and out, can really add up on your utility bills. If you replace 25 percent of your lights in high-use areas with fluorescents, you can save about 50 percent on your lighting energy bill, according to the DOE.

The most obvious measure you can take to cut down on lighting is shutting off lights in any room you're not using. You can also install timers or sensors to reduce the amount of time your lights are on.

Also, instead of turning on a large overhead light that illuminates the entire room, use a smaller lamp focusing on where you need it, such as when you're reading.

Refrigerators/freezers

Keeping your perishable foods cool contributes to about nine percent of your home's utility costs. Here are

some tips from the DOE on how to cut down on energy costs in this area:

- Don't keep your refrigerator or freezer too cold. Recommended temperatures are 37 to 40 degrees F for the fresh food compartment and 5 degrees F for the freezer section. It's easy to check the temperature of your fridge by placing an appliance thermometer in a glass of water in the middle of the refrigerator, reading it after 24 hours. For the freezer, put a thermometer between frozen packages.

- Make sure you regularly defrost manual-defrost refrigerators and freezers because frost build-up increases the amount of energy needed to keep the motor running. Once frost has built up to a quarter of an inch, it's time to defrost.

- Cover liquids and leftover foods stored in the fridge. If food is left uncovered, it can release moisture and force the compressor to work harder.

- Make sure the refrigerator doors are sealed tight. You can test this by closing the door over a piece of paper, leaving it half in and half out of the fridge. If it's easy to pull out the paper, it's possible the latch needs adjustment. You might even have to replace the seal.

Out in the garden

Pesticides in the garden are another no-no for the environmentally conscious. You must read all labels, as

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pesticides can also cause sickness in humans as well as insects. There are alternative methods of pest control for gardeners, such as organic sprays or dusts. But killing bugs isn't always necessary.

Some insects can breed diseases and harm the fruits, vegetables or flowers in garden. However, more than 99 percent of the insects found in home gardens are either beneficial or harmless, according to the College of Agriculture. Almost all spiders are beneficial. But if you are seeking to eliminate some pests from your garden, you have options.

Insecticidal soap paralyzes insects, causing starvation. Water mixed with isopropyl alcohol can kill off insects, and hot peppers and ground-up garlic are also recommended.

If you own a home, you might try landscaping to spruce it up, making your humble abode look more cozy and attractive. But the right landscaping doesn't just frame your house, it also can add to the environmental quality of your property. According to the Department of Energy (DOE), a well-placed tree, shrub or vine can deliver effective shade, act as a windbreak and reduce overall energy bills.

Positioning trees in just the right way can actually save up to 25 percent of a typical household's energy for heating and cooling. Having just three

trees properly placed around a house can save the average household between \$100 and \$250 in heating and cooling costs each year.

Just as wearing black clothing in the summertime can make you feel hotter, the same goes for the color of your home. Dark-colored houses absorb 70 percent to 90 percent of the radiant energy from the sun that strikes the home's surfaces, according to the DOE. In the opposite way, light-colored houses reflect most of the heat away from the home, leaving it cooler inside.

For your health

The Earth Times offers the tip that taking care of the environment can help your own health. One example - watch for moisture, leaks or water problems. Mold and mildew can result, polluting the air and aggravating allergies. The mildew also will deteriorate buildings components. For the same reasons, you should maintain any mechanical systems in your home or office. Heating, ventilating and air conditioning ducts can become breeding grounds for mold and contaminants.

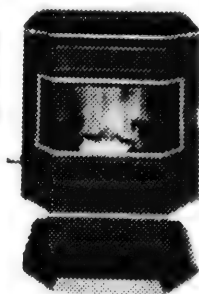
Cleaners can be a source of pollutants: chemicals used in cleaning solvents can be allergens to some people. Health food stores and catalogs offer naturally made cleaning products or you can make your own using ingredients such as vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil, potatoes, tea tree oil and baking soda.

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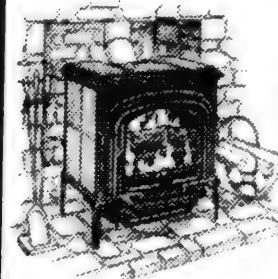
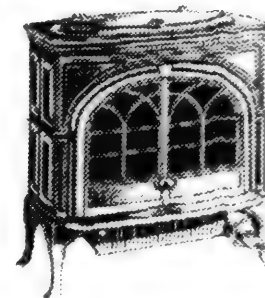
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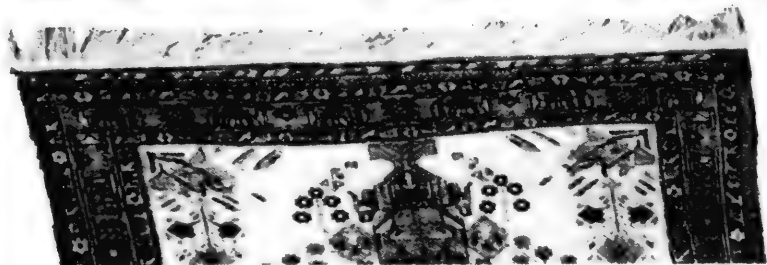
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Houseplants bring practical benefits

By Lee Reich
For AP Special Features

Imagine that the time is 10,000 years ago. Winter cold and snow have finally driven you deep within your cave where you spend long hours huddled by a fire. Good thing you brought in a few evergreen branches to cheer the cave up a bit, offering a reminder that life goes on outside.

Now let's whisk ourselves up to the present winter. Even if the temperatures are cold outdoors, indoor lights blaze long after sunset and temperatures remain almost tropical. Yet we still have indoor greenery, wreaths and, until a few weeks ago, Christmas trees. And houseplants — those actually growing indoors. These houseplants can do more than just cheer up winter with lush foliage and colorful, perhaps fragrant, flowers.

An important, practical benefit of houseplants is that they clean the air.

Gas stoves, new carpets and drapes and photocopiers are just some of the appliances, furnishings and materials that breath toxins into our homes.

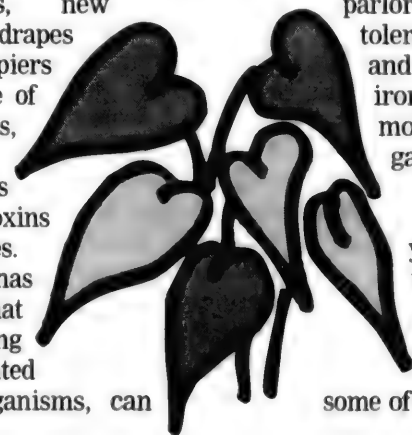
Research has shown that plants, along with associated soil microorganisms, can

scrub over 75 percent of such pollutants as benzene and formaldehyde from the air.

So if winter brings you respiratory and sinus complaints, itchy eyes, skin rashes or drowsiness, the prescription for your maladies may be houseplants. Nowadays, you might even be able to purchase houseplants at your local drugstore where you buy your other medicines. Start with a dose of 10 plants, strategically placed throughout your house.

Choose houseplants to suit your horticultural skill and inclinations as well as the conditions in your home. The easiest plants for average conditions include rubber tree, weeping fig, schefflera, dracaena, Wandering Jew, dumb cane and grape ivy. If your house is so dark that you need artificial light for daytime reading, try growing philodendron, pothos, snake plant, bird's nest fern, a parlor palm (so-named because it tolerated drafty Victorian parlors) and the appropriately-named cast-iron plant. Houseplants that are more of a challenge include gardenia, primrose and cyclamen.

If only those caves of 10,000 years ago could have been fitted with windows, our ancestors could have had light for a few living (cave) plants — to cheer things up and clear away some of the smoke.



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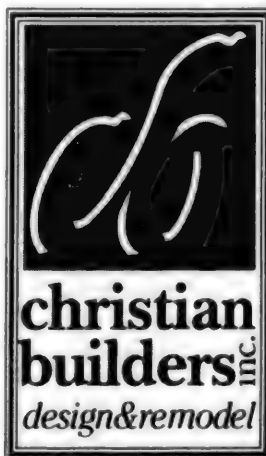
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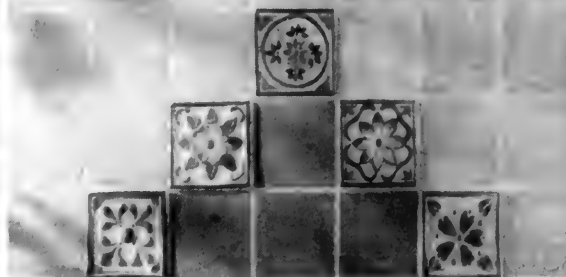
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By Popular Mechanics
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The landscaping you do outdoors can be as important in making a house a home as the decorating you do indoors. It may be even more important in terms of building equity. But while most of us know the look we're after in the family room, fewer of us can conceptualize a well-styled and self-sustaining menagerie of outdoor plants that will add real comfort and street appeal. There's design to consider, of course, but plants are living things, with specific and sometimes limiting soil and sunlight requirements. And at today's prices, it pays to get it right the first time.

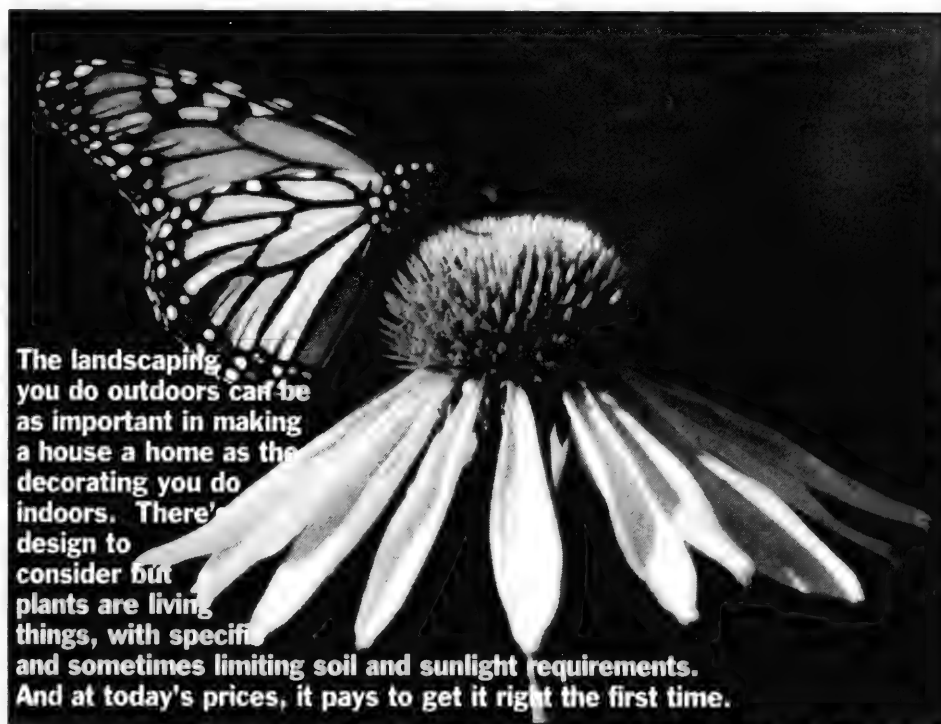
So how to proceed? You really have three options. You can do the job yourself. You can hire a nursery-garden center to draw up a plan and either do the plantings yourself, according to the blueprint, or contract the nursery to do it all. In this case, the planner is usually a certified landscape designer (CLD), with a background in horticulture. And, finally, you can hire a design specialist - a registered landscape architect.

While these approaches can differ significantly, there is also some overlap. A do-it-yourselfer, for example, will certainly seek out the extensive free information to be found at every garden center. Moreover, while garden centers and nurseries

usually employ horticulturists with design training, some also employ, or contract with, registered landscape architects. And though landscape architects are usually not associated with nurseries, a developing trend in the business is the "design/build" concept. In these cases, architects work with preferred subcontractors to provide turnkey services - plans, plants, plantings and all.

The difference between a designer and an architect, is that certified landscape designers are often horticulturists with secondary training in landscape design. Though not always the case, they tend to know more about plants and plant diseases than architects. In some areas, CLDs are tested and certified by the state, while in others, it's an industry certification.

A registered landscape architect masters most of the same things, but comes to the task from a different angle. He or she is a designer by training and temperament, but must also be versed, and state certified, in landscape principles, including grading and drainage, property laws, irrigation and erosion control. From the consumer's point of view, there's also a significant difference in the professional relationship. A landscape designer usually works for a nursery and creates an inexpensive plan for about \$50 to \$200. This fee is typically credited to your account after you



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purchase a certain level of merchandise, say \$500 to \$1,000. It's understood that the nursery profits from the materials you buy. The plan is a big help to the consumer, but it's also an effective sales tool, and everybody knows it.

In contrast, a landscape architect - except for the design-build variety - does not profit from materials or installations. On a practical level, this means that an architect has to charge more for his plan, but is more willing to accommodate exhaustive revisions.

In addition to superior design training, his or her willingness to work your thoughts and afterthoughts into the mix is likely to yield a more striking and satisfying plan. Which is the better choice? For most of us, a garden-center design will do just fine. Simple yards, simple plans. But if you're shooting for something beyond a proportional pleasantness, or if your property is large, with multiple elevations and complicated drainagerequirements, then a registered landscape architect is worth the investment.

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Why amps, volts and gages should spark your interest

By Len Tremblay, P.E.

You inspect a length of standard, residential electrical wiring and you find "14-2 AWG with ground Type NM-B" printed on the wire's plastic, outer jacket. As a homeowner, you think to yourself, "Do I need to know what this stuff means?"

If you are planning a home improvement project that will involve some electrical work (and almost all projects do), you should know a few basics even if you are hiring an electrician to do the work. So, here's an overview...

Wire size

Electrical wiring comes in countless types and sizes, but for most residential applications, electrical wiring really boils down to just a few basic types.

The term "AWG" stands for American Wire Gauge. The wire gauge is the size (diameter) of the wire. Like lots of things in life, wire gauge is not straight-forward. Wiring needs to be sized by the amount of electrical current (amperes or amps) it is required to transmit from one place to another. Don't ask why, but as the size of the wire goes up, the gauge number goes down. It's just one of those things.

The basic wire sizes for standard residential wiring are 14-gauge and 12-gauge. Yes, 14-gauge is smaller than 12-gauge. Go figure.

The standard 14-gauge wire is sized for 15 amps of power. This is good for the many circuits in your home, like

bedrooms or the living room.

For circuits in your home with more appliances, like the kitchen or the family room, 12-gauge wire is needed, as it is sized for 20 amps of power.

Of course, for special applications in your home, like an electric stove, electric heat or central air conditioning, a larger, dedicated circuit is required. Much larger wires, like 10-gauge or larger, are recommended for feeding these items.

Number of wires

The most standard residential wiring (two with ground) contains a total of three copper wires: two primary wires (usually clad in separate black and white-colored insulation) plus an uninsulated ground wire. This wire is typically used in standard 120-volt applications.

Another standard (three with ground) contains a total of four copper wires: three primary wires (usually clad in separate red, black and white-colored insulation) plus an uninsulated ground wire. This wire is typically used in standard 240 volt applications, or in

120 volt applications that require an additional wire, such as multiple switches controlling the same light fixture.

Wire type

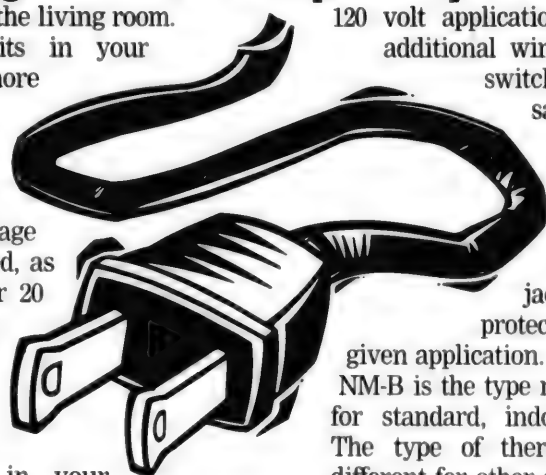
Residential wire is covered by a thermoplastic jacket designed to protect the wires for a given application. For indoor use, type NM-B is the type most commonly used for standard, indoor residential use. The type of thermoplastic jacket is different for other applications, such as high temperature wires feeding your heating system, outdoor wire or below-ground wire. For some of these applications, it might be required to run the wire inside plastic or metal conduits. And of course, once you go outside with wiring, proper grounding becomes even more important. So check with an electrician or your local electrical inspector for the requirements.

Protective devices

All electrical circuits need to be protected from overloads and short circuits. Older homes have fuses protecting each circuit, while newer homes use circuit breakers. It is very important that these protective devices be sized according to the amp rating of the circuit they are designed to protect.

The need to replace a fuse or reset a

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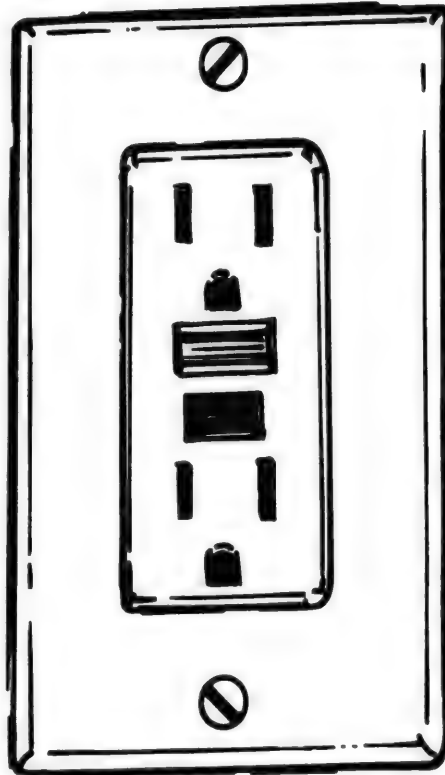
circuit breaker should not happen frequently - if it does, you might have an overloaded or defective circuit or a defective device connected to the circuit. This should be fixed right away. You might need the assistance of a licensed electrician to root out these problems.

The code requires any circuits which feed areas where water might be present, such as baths, kitchens, garages and outdoor circuits, be protected with a ground fault or "GFI" device. These devices can sense a fault in the circuit and cut off the current in a fraction of a second.

Ground fault protection can be provided by a special ground fault circuit breaker, located where the circuit begins in your main electrical distribution panel. You can tell a ground fault circuit breaker apart from other standard breakers because it will have that little "test" button located on it.

Ground fault protection can also be provided by a special ground fault outlet - that odd-looking outlet you see in bathrooms and kitchens with the colored "test" and "reset" buttons on it.

Proper operation of ground fault devices should periodically be tested by depressing the "test" button and making sure the current shuts off. Ground fault devices will only protect you if they are working properly. Ground fault devices should be tested monthly or as



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recommended by the manufacturer.

Rating of circuits

Switches and outlets in your home need to be sized for the same number of

amps as the circuits they are installed in. It is important that switches and outlets not be subjected to more amps than they are designed for.

Frequently overlooked is the requirement to install heavier duty switches and outlets, rated for 20 amps, in all 20 amp circuits. Switches and outlets rated at 15 amps simply do not belong in circuits rated for 20 amps.

Wall switches rated at 15 or 20 amps look identical after installation behind a switch plate, but when comparing 15 and 20 amp switches side-by-side before installation, the body of a heavy-duty, 20-amp switch is a little larger than its 15-amp standard cousin and the amp ratings are clearly marked on both switches.

For outlets, its easier to tell outlets rated for 15 and 20 amps apart. Standard, present-day 15-amp outlets have three holes: a longer vertical slot on the left, a shorter vertical slot on the right, and a lower, round hole for the ground. Heavier-duty, 20-amp outlets look a little different, in that the left slot is not just a vertical slot but actually has an additional, right angle slot or "tang", which makes the left slot look like a "T" tipped on its side.

If you find that you have standard 15-amp switches or outlets installed in any 20-amp circuits, they should be replaced with properly rated devices.

Safety first

Electricity is a necessity in today's world but it must be treated with

respect. Any work done on any electrical system, even changing out a light switch or hanging a new light fixture, needs to be performed by qualified people with safety as the first and foremost consideration. The work must meet all current state and local electrical codes.

It is permissible in Massachusetts for homeowners to perform their own electrical work, as long as all state and local codes are met and as long as the homeowner obtains an electrical permit from the local electrical inspector. In order to obtain this permit, you will need to discuss your plans with the local electrical inspector and convince him or her that you know what you are doing. If you have any doubt whatsoever, hire an electrician.

Always disconnect the entire circuit back at the electrical distribution panel before doing electrical work of any kind and use an electrical tester to make absolutely sure that the circuit is dead before attempting any work.

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A world of china — Debby Dubay (second from left), owner of Limoge Antiques, is shown with (from left) Andover residents Betty Jaffe, Edith King, Carole O'Connor, Frances James, Mary Leary and Alison Cody, at the Women of NECC Annual Membership Tea.

Limoge owner speaks to Women of NECC

Debby Dubay, owner of Limoge Antiques, of Andover, was the speaker at the Women of Northern Essex Community College's annual membership tea.

Dubay shared information about Limoges china, which is made in Limoges, France, and appraised china brought to the tea.

The retired Air Force officer left military service in 1995 and turned her passion into her profession.

Refreshments included tea, coffee, finger sandwiches and pastry provided by Corporate Chefs at NECC.

The Women of NECC is a

group of volunteers founded in 1997 committed to assisting the college in its fund-raising efforts, particularly in providing scholarship for students in need.

Officers include Geraldine Murphy of North Andover, president; Judy Morrison of Windham, N.H., vice president; Nancy Greenwood of Lawrence, treasurer; Angela Chiara of Methuen, secretary; and Marie Dow of North Andover and Betty Jaffe of Andover, co-chairs, membership.

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Sports

Girls varsity gymnastics, indoor track teams undefeated

By Rick Harrison

Outstanding work by the Andover High girls varsity gymnastics and indoor track teams highlighted the week, both remaining undefeated and on the brink of Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 championships heading into competition last night.

The AHS boys basketball team won the MediaOne Tournament at Tufts University, defeating Boston Latin 71-30 in the semifinals and Merrimack Valley Conference rival Haverhill 67-52 in the championship game.

The previously-undefeated AHS girls were not as fortunate in their division of the MediaOne tourney, dropping a pair of 10-point decisions to powerhouses Somerville, 57-47, and Braintree, 69-59.

Both Andover hoop teams officially qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament, the boys doing it at Tufts while the girls earned their 10th win Tuesday night against Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro.

On the ski slopes, the Golden Warrior boys swept a season-opening tri-meet while the girls were beaten by archrival Masconomet Regional.

SKIING

Ryan Hayes, Justin Roy and Ben Davis led the way as the Andover High boys varsity ski team opened the season with a tri-meet sweep of Haverhill (97-38) and Bishop Fenwick of Peabody (83-52) at Bradford Hill.

The AHS girls fell from the unbeaten ranks with an 83-52 setback to Masconomet Regional in a battle of last year's North Shore League regular-season co-champs.

Recent rains postponed several other races which have since been rescheduled.

Schedule

The AHS boys returned to action yesterday with the makeup of a rained-out tri-meet against Masconomet and St. John's Prep of Danvers, and today the boys make up another rained-out tri-meet versus Methuen and Austin Prep (3:15 p.m.).

The Lady Warriors' next race is tomorrow against North Andover and Methuen (3:15 p.m.). A rained-out girls tri-meet versus Haverhill and Bishop Fenwick has been re-set for Jan. 28.

Andover boys sweep

Ryan Hayes put together a swift run of 19.17 seconds to place second overall against Haverhill and Fenwick.

Justin Roy was third against Haverhill and fourth versus Fenwick in 19.51, while Ben Davis took a fourth and sixth place (20.19).

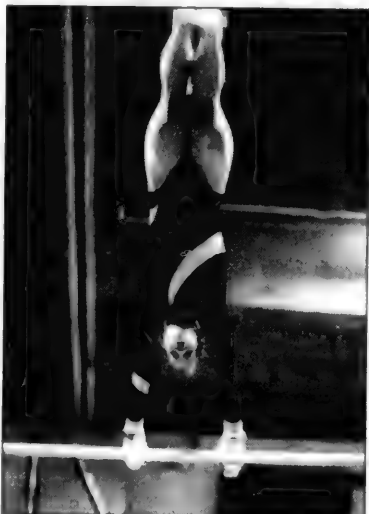
Luke Larsen had a fifth and seventh (20.41), Matt Jaracz a sixth and eighth (20.84) and Aaron McNabb a 7th and 10th place (20.94).

Ray Bill contributed a ninth and 11th (21.35), while 12th through 15th



Sophomore Kristen Elsmore (photos at left) won three events and the all-around competition as the Lady Warriors swept Dracut and Lowell. The undefeated (6-0) Andover High girls gymnastics team also posted a season-high score on the way to a 137.50 to 131.70 victory over Masconomet Regional. Above are coaches Julie Chapman (left) and Mia Kianis.

Photos by Carol Van Doren



against both opponents went to Ryan Macomber (21.76), Rich LaFranchi (21.80), Phil Bancroft (22.00) and Andre Perron (22.25).

"A few minutes before the start of the race it began to rain. By the time the meet ended it was pouring and everyone was soaked to the bone," said AHS head coach Tom Busta. "It made for tough racing conditions — but our kids focused and actually skied pretty well."

"Ryan Hayes has worked very hard in the off-season, along with training up-country, and it showed in this meet. Our other top 10 finishers continue to ski well while newcomers Aaron McNabb and Ray Bill proved to be 'keepers'."

"Jeff Marshall posted a 20.41 time racing JV and he can be a factor for the varsity this season," said Busta.

Nels Nelson and William Chen also had strong races with the junior varsity and were slated to move up to the varsity for yesterday's meet.

Masconomet 83

Andover girls 52

The Chieftains swept the top four places before Andover's Sherri Conrad put the Lady Warriors on the board by finishing fifth in 19.73.

Other top 10 skiers for AHS were Lisa Tylus (sixth, 19.90), Jessica Moody (eighth, 20.15) and Anna Vining (10th, 20.72).

Rounding out the Andover scorers were Erin Zuena (11th, 20.76), Jennie Williams (12th, 20.81) and Jeanna Ricci (15th, 21.23).

"We had a meltdown at the same

time Bradford Hill was melting away because of all the rain," said head coach Tom Busta. "The rain wiped out our practice schedule, and when the snow finally came the road conditions were so bad it prevented us from getting to the hill that day."

"But we have no excuses. Masco is a good team and we just weren't ready. We were reacting instead of attacking. We weren't aggressive enough out of the starting gate, and we made several mental mistakes like missing gates," said Busta. "It was like Murphy's Law. Whatever could have gone wrong went wrong."

"We want to be (league) champs again, go back to States and do well there. The girls have made a pact to train hard and do whatever it takes to achieve our goals. No more meltdowns!"

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High girls gymnastics team took several more large strides in the direction of its seventh Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet championship in the last 11 years.

Undefeated AHS (6-0) posted a season-high score on the way to a 137.50 to 131.70 victory over Masconomet Regional.

The Lady Warriors also registered a 136.45 in a tri-meet sweep of Dracut (124.25) and Lowell (120.20) at the Dunn Gym.

"Our score (against Masconomet) is probably the highest in the state so far this season," said coach Julie

Chapman. "But we can still do better."

Andover is now 53-4 in its last 57 dual meets, 68-5 over the last 73 and 89-13 overall since the 1989 season.

Schedule

Andover hosted Tewksbury last night and is now idle until next Wednesday when it travels to North Andover for a showdown meet with the strong Scarlet Knights (7 p.m.).

Andover 137.50

Masconomet 131.70

When the Lady Warriors arrived for the away meet at the Topsfield school they were ushered into a half-lit gymnasium with no heat (the wind-chill factor outside was minus-35 degrees).

"We started to do our warmups but it was freezing cold inside the gym," said coach Chapman. "Kristen (Elsmore) slipped off the bars trying to do a straddle back."

Because of the dangerous and highly-uncomfortable conditions, the meet was moved to the Yellow Jackets' club gym in neighboring Middleton.

"The location switch turned out well for us," said Chapman, "because Kristen (Elsmore), Becky (Hass) and Sheri (Bernstein) are all members of the Yellow Jackets' team and compete there all the time. It has a spring floor and that worked to our benefit."

"Our kids usually don't compete on a spring floor until the Sectional and State Meets. This was a good experience for them."

Elsmore placed first on the uneven bars and in floor exercise with outstanding season-high scores of 9.3 and 9.4, while she and Becky Hass finished 1-2 all-around to propel AHS to its fifth straight win and highest team score of the season.

"Score-wise Masconomet is the second best team in the league," said

coach Chapman. "So this was a very big win for us."

Elsmore also finished a close second to Masco ace Heather Boepple in the vault, scoring 8.8, and she added an 8.35 on balance beam for an all-around total of 35.85.

Hass checked in with a second on bars (9.0), tie for third on beam (8.4), third in vault (8.65) and third in floor (9.05) for a 35.10 all-around total.

Bernstein contributed an 8.75 for fourth place in floor, Bahaar Massihzadegan scored 8.6, Krit Kearins 8.2 and Renee Fung 7.4.

"We had a terrific 35.8 team score in floor (top four individuals) and we could go over 36 before the season ends," said Chapman.

Balance beam, on the other hand, left much to be desired.

"Beam was a disaster," said Chapman. "For some reason in four of the five meets we've had trouble on beam. A lot of bobbles and falls. We'll have to improve a lot before Sectionals."

Masco went 1-2 on beam before Hass and Bernstein tied for third (8.4). Elsmore scored 8.35, Gretchen Fuhr 8.05, Kearins 7.65 and Jackie Barry 7.65.

On bars, Bernstein recorded an 8.25 to tie for third. Other AHS competitors were Fung (7.95), Massihzadegan (7.4) and Lisa Vallera (6.35).

Kearins placed fourth in vault (8.3) and other scorers were Massihzadegan (8.25), Fung (8.1) and Maureen Lothrop (7.15).

"This meet was a good indication of what we can do — and the score we can produce — when we're on equipment like we had today," said Chapman.

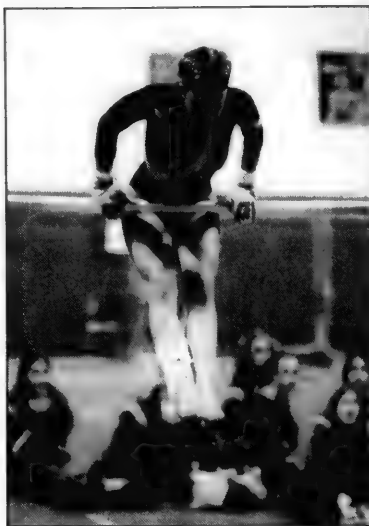
Arriving at a dimly-lit, ice-cold gym was only the latest in a series of misfortunes the Andover gymnasts have overcome this season.



**Sheri
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Hass**



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Vallera**



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Cail**



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Fuhr**

AHS ROUNDUP

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"We've had a wicked string of bad luck," said Chapman. "In the opening meet at Billerica the fire alarm went off and we all had to go outside and stand in the pouring rain."

"The judges never showed for our Wilmington meet at home, we went to Chelmsford in a driving rainstorm, and today we had the cold, dark gym. Hopefully this is the end of all this stuff."

Andover 136.45

Dracut 124.25

Lowell 120.20

Sophomore Kristen Elsmore won three events and the all-around competition, freshman Sheri Bernstein placed first on the balance beam, and sophomore Becky Hass shook off her foot injury to post a 34.70 all-around as the Lady Warriors rolled to the sweep of Dracut and Lowell.

Elsmore scored 9.2 in both floor exercise and on the uneven bars, picked up her third victory with an 8.75 in vault, and tied for third on beam with an 8.4.

Bernstein chalked up an 8.6 on beam and also finished third on bars (8.4) and fourth in floor (8.7).

After convincing coach Chapman she was fit to compete, Hass took seconds on bars (8.6), in vault (8.7) and floor (9.0). She tied with Elsmore for third on beam (8.4).

"I wish I could clone Becky," said Chapman. "She gave me a big smile before the meet and told me she was ready. She's a little trooper and I know she would have been very disappointed if I'd kept her out."

Andover also had a top four finish from Krit Kearins, who was third in the vault (8.45).

Kearins also competed on beam (7.7) and in floor (7.75), while the other three-event entrant was Bahaar Massihzadegan, who scored 8.3 in floor, 8.1 in vault and 7.55 on bars.

Freshman Katie Cail scored 8.3 in floor and 7.25 on bars, while Gretchen Fuhr had a 7.7 in vault and 6.1 on beam.

Also competing for the locals were Lisa Vallera on bars (6.55), Jackie Barry on beam (8.1) and Kaitlin Doyle in vault (6.8).

Elsmore chalked up a 35.55 and Hass a 34.70 all-around to place 1-2.

Dracut's Juli Deveau (33.55) and Amy Trager (31.85) were next in line all-around, while for Lowell's co-ed team Sam Hor finished fifth (29.25).

"The floor scores were normal today," said Chapman. "Our 35.20

team score is right about where we should be every meet. I'm sure being home on our own (non-wrestling) mats helped."

"We can still improve on vault and we lost some points because three girls fell on beam," added Chapman.

INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High girls and boys indoor track teams split a pair of dual meets with visiting Central Catholic recently at the AHS Field House.

The Lady Warriors remained perfect (5-0) with a 59-27 romp, while the AHS boys lost a tough 44-42 decision to CCHS when the Raiders captured the final 4x400 relay to clinch the victory.

Schedule

The Andover girls had a huge MVC Division 1 title showdown yesterday against likewise-unbeaten Chelmsford.

The State Team Pentathlon is Saturday (10 a.m.) at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center in Boston, and next Wednesday afternoon the Warriors wrap up conference dual-meet action when they host Lowell (3:30 p.m.).

Andover girls 59

Central Catholic 27

The Lady Warriors placed first in seven of the 10 events, sweeping the hurdles, high jump and shot put, as they cruised to the triumph over Central Catholic.

Junior Emily Pfeil once again scored in two individual events, winning the mile run in 5:52 and tying teammates Alexis Contos and Liz Connors for first in the high jump with a 4'10" leap.

Junior Sheena Patel led the sweep of the hurdles (7.8) and joined freshman Janelle LaRose, Stephanie Casper and sophomore Natasha Camilo on the victorious 4x400 relay (4:34.6).

LaRose (personal-best 42.3) and Casper (42.6) also placed 2-3 in the 300 dash.

Junior Ogechi Ibe remained undefeated in the shot put competition, uncorking a personal- and conference-best toss of 35'8 1/2."

Sophomore Lindsey Durkin remained unbeaten this season, winning the 1000-yard run in 3:07.6, while senior Capt. Caitly Murray won the 600 run in a personal-best 1:38.2.

Junior Stephanie Pierce (7.9) and

senior Capt. Megan Munroe (8.1) completed another sweep of the hurdles, and 2-3 behind Ibe in the shot put were junior Robin Young (31'1") and senior Melissa Langlais with a personal-best 28'2" toss.

Other runners-up for the locals were Jessie DeFrancisco (1000, personal-best 3:10.3) and junior two-miler Caitlin Woo (13:08.3), while additional thirds went to junior miler Kaitlin Stolberg (6:17.6) and sophomore two-miler Laura O'Connell (13:20.2).

Senior Capt. Allison Corey ran a very competitive 1:39.0 in the 600, one of four runners to break 1:40 in the race, but finished just out of the money in fourth place.

Central Catholic 44

Andover boys 42

The Golden Warriors led 42-39 entering the final 4x400 relay, but lost that five-point race and the meet by less than five seconds.

AHS did have another impressive double win from senior Capt. Charles Murnane in the 50 high hurdles (personal-best 6.5) and high jump (6'0"). Murnane is still undefeated in the high jump this season.

The only other first-place finishers for AHS were senior sprinter Jeremy Spiegel in the 50 dash (5.8) and senior shot putter Adam Spiller (42'7 3/4").

Tim Galebach ran a personal-best 10:06.1 in the two-mile while placing second to Chris Grange of Central (10:03.9).

Other Golden Warrior runners-up were senior Mike Giles (50 dash, 5.8), senior Capt. Terrance Fitzsimmons (600 run, 1:22.2), senior Capt. Greg Stamm (1000 run, 2:33.9), senior miler Brian Gosselin (4:57.6) and junior high jumper Alex Champion (5'6").

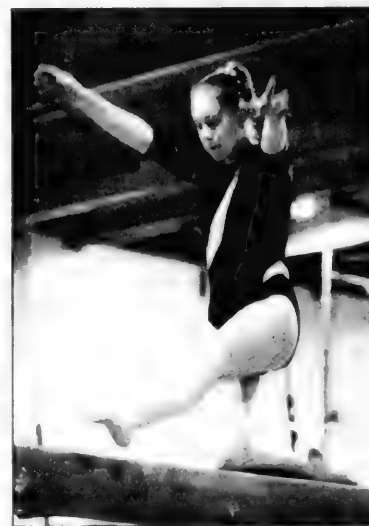
Junior Kyle Miller was third in the hurdles with a personal-best 6.9, and other third places went to junior two-miler Brendan Ahern (10:53.7), senior Chad Mongeau (300 dash, 36.4) and junior Adam Gardner (1000 run, 2:36.4).

Central's 4x400 quartet of Brad Jolie, Paul Cutuli, Tim Woitkun and Adam Johnston crossed in 3:48.6 while Andover finished in 3:53.1.

ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High varsity hockey team began a rugged mid-season stretch with road losses to Division 1 Chelmsford, 9-3, and Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2

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**Krit
Kearins**



**Jackie
Barry**

power Methuen, 6-2.

"For the most part we're not playing badly," said Golden Warriors' head coach Bill Cullen. "But each game we seem to have a couple of lapses and we're giving up too many 'soft' goals."

The double dip left AHS at 3-6 overall and 2-3 in MV/DCL Division 2. The locals must pick up the pace almost immediately to remain in contention for a Division 2 North Tournament berth.

Schedule

Andover battled Division 1 Central Catholic last night at Merrimack College, and returns to MV/DCL Division 2 play Saturday night against Lincoln-Sudbury as Assabet Valley Arena in West Concord (8 p.m.).

Next week is especially challenging as AHS hosts MV/DCL Division 1 leader Billerica on Wednesday (6 p.m.) and Division 2 frontrunner Boston Latin on Saturday (1 p.m.) at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

Scoring Leaders

Brad Dunn leads the point parade with four goals and five assists. Jon Ofria has four goals and four assists, Andy Ryan two goals and six assists, Brendan Gleason one goal and six assists, Peter Burbank four goals, two assists and Dennis Moran one goal, five assists.

Hat Trick Club Web Site

The Andover 'Hat Trick Club' has a Web site. To check it out go to www.ahshockey.com on the Internet to learn the latest about the AHS team and club activities.

Methuen 6

Andover 2

Junior center John Stearns scored

his second goal of the season at 5:20 of the first period, tying the game briefly at 1-1, but the host Rangers regained the lead 59 seconds later and went on to the MV/DCL Division 2 victory at Methuen High.

Andover scored its final goal on the power play with just 63 seconds left in the game, team-high scorer Brad Dunn connecting at 13:57 of the third period with assists to Dennis Moran and sophomore Peter Burbank.

Ryan Fontaine scored the first and last goals for Methuen, 7-2 overall and 4-1 in the division, while James Girouard also scored twice. Chris Cagliuso and Jeremy Abdo had a goal and assist each.

"We got (junior defenseman) Mike Anderson back (sidelined with mononucleosis) and he was able to play two periods before tiring," said coach Cullen. "That was definitely a positive thing for us."

Chris Salini played the first 41 minutes in the AHS net and made 26 saves, while Brandon Gatlin stopped all three Methuen shots he faced in the final four minutes.

Methuen outshot Andover, 35-30.

Chelmsford 9

Andover 3

The visiting Golden Warriors trailed Division 1 Chelmsford only 3-2 with four minutes left in the second period.

But the Lions struck for three quick goals at the end of the stanza and added three more in the final session to win going away.

Chelmsford scored a pair of goals in the opening period and made it 3-0 on Rich Burt's goal at 3:13 of the middle frame.

Andover fought back on a power

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

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vide brief relief. In a change of policy from previous years, there is no rain date. However, a limited amount of space will be available under a tent, rented for a small additional fee on a first-come, first-served basis. This is intended for crafters who do not have a booth providing protection from the weather.

Amateur and professional craftspeople who would like an application or further information should call 475-7210, or 475-6082 evenings; or write to Andover Crafts in the Park, Box 685, Andover, 01810; or andovercrafts@aol.com.

An application may also be downloaded from www.cgrow.com/afs/.

Slides or photos of work and display are necessary for jurying purposes and must accompany the application, along with the fee indicated on the application form.

Crafts in the Park is sponsored by the Andover Chapter of the American Field Service, an exchange program for high school students. All proceeds are used to provide participant support.

Local professionals form EIRG - a resource group for elders

A new elder information and referral resource group was recently formed to meet the growing need for comprehensive elder service information in the Merrimack Valley. The Elder Information Resources Group (EIRG) is comprised of a group of professionals with special expertise in health care, long term care, legal and financial programs and services that directly impact elders and their caregivers. The mission of this group is to act as an information and referral resource for elders and their caregivers on matters such as elder law, elder services, retirement financial planning, Medicare/Medicaid, long term care, community resources, home care services, assisted living, Alzheimer's dis-

ease, skilled nursing care, etc. Their goal is to work with local and community groups providing information in an easy-to-understand workshop format. The EIRG workshops are individually designed to meet the participants' needs. Past workshops have included a one-time panel discussion with questions and answer or as part of a three-part series of 1½ to 2 hours each. Workshops are typically offered at little or no cost. The EIRG is available to speak at local COAs, church groups, business meetings, and other local community organization.

The next scheduled workshop will be held Wednesday, Feb. 2 at Andover High School.

For more information regarding this workshop, or to schedule a workshop for your organization, call the EIRG hotline at 470-8234.

Second parenting series planned at West Parish Church

West Parish Church of Andover has received a grant from the Children's Trust Fund to offer a second parenting

series for parents of children ages 1-6 years. "Parenting for the Early Years" will run for eight consecutive Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Topics include parenting styles, stages of development communication skills, temperamental differences, positive and effective discipline, instilling courage and self-esteem, and specific age-related issues, such as temper tantrums, toilet training, eating, and sleeping.

The series is based on the nationally recognized programs, Active Parenting and Systematic Training for Effective Parenting. The fee is \$20 for the series and babysitting is available.

"The first series offered in the fall was well attended and very well received," according to the Rev. Mark Welsh, senior minister at West Parish Church.

"It is critical for parents to have opportunities to discuss the many issues and challenges

of parenting, and to brainstorm with other parents," according to Maria Bartlett, series facilitator.

Stroke Support Group meets today

The Easter Seal Merrimack Valley Stroke Support Group will meet today, Thursday, Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St. For more information, call stroke support coordinator Paul Chedekel at 475-3298.

Easter Seal Stroke Support Group members include people who have had strokes, their families and friends. Monthly meetings provide peer support, with programs that help provide understanding of stroke-related disabilities and how to cope with them.

Members of Easter Seal Stroke Support Groups have access to other Easter Seal services, including adaptive swimming programs, technology for independence and the loan of specialized equipment.

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AHS ROUNDUP

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play goal by sophomore defenseman Tim LeGrow at 5:39 and sophomore left wing Peter Burbank's goal four minutes later.

The Lions regrouped,

however, with three quick scores including a pair in the final 73 seconds of the period.

Capt. Brad Dunn connected on the power play at 1:43 of the final session

for the locals, making it 6-3, but Chelmsford followed with the final three goals of the game.

Andover assists went to junior wing Dennis Moran (two), John Stearns, Brendan Gleason, Dunn and LeGrow.

Phil Aucoin paced the Lions with two goals and two assists.

Chris Salini made 29 ves in the Andover net Chelmsford outshot e Golden Warriors, 38-

Catholic (11-2) tomorrow night at the Dunn Gym (7:30).

Both teams are undefeated (7-0) in league play, but CCHS has struggled lately with losses to Holy Name of Worcester (65-62), Cambridge Rindge & Latin (72-64) and a close 67-61 win over upset-minded Tewksbury on Tuesday night.

Scoring leaders

Tom McLaughlin, who had 36 points in the MediaOne Tournament title game triumph over Haverhill, has 344 for the season (28.7 ave.) and 1,258 for his career.

Brad Stubenhaus has 168 points, Kevin Shepard 76, Dave Cordima 65 and Paul Bellacqua 61.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Andover High girls basketball team played well in the MediaOne Tournament at Tufts, but not quite well enough as the Lady Warriors lost their first two games of the season to Somerville and Braintree.

Tuesday night, back in the friendlier confines of the Merrimack Valley Conference, coach Jim Tildsley's squad pounded out a tourney-qualifying 70-30 win over visiting inter-division rival Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro at the Dunn Gym.

Those results left the locals at 10-2 overall and 8-0 atop the MVC Division 1 standings.

some.

Next Tuesday the locals have another rugged non-league assignment against MediaOne Tournament champion Jeremiah Burke in Boston.

"We had a team meeting at my house on Monday and we're approaching it (rest of season) with a positive attitude."

"The girls on the bench have started pointing out mistakes we're making on the floor and that's a good sign. It means they see what we're trying to get across and recognize when we don't execute properly," said Tildsley.

Schedule

Andover returns to the hardwood tomorrow night at Central Catholic (7:30 p.m.), facing a Raiders' team that is 9-3 and could be trouble-

some.

Next Tuesday the locals have another rugged non-league assignment against MediaOne Tournament champion Jeremiah Burke in Boston.

Scoring Leaders

Lindsey Pearson leads the point parade with 158 while Jenny Muller has 154, Shannon Sweeney 81, Michelle Danis 78, Lisa Tisbert 76 and Megan Pinksten 60.

Tisbert update

Junior guard Lisa Tisbert has a doctor's appointment on Feb. 4 at which time she may be cleared to return to the team.

"We have definitely felt her loss," said Tildsley. "Hopefully she'll get the green light to come back and we'll have her (Continued on page 38)"

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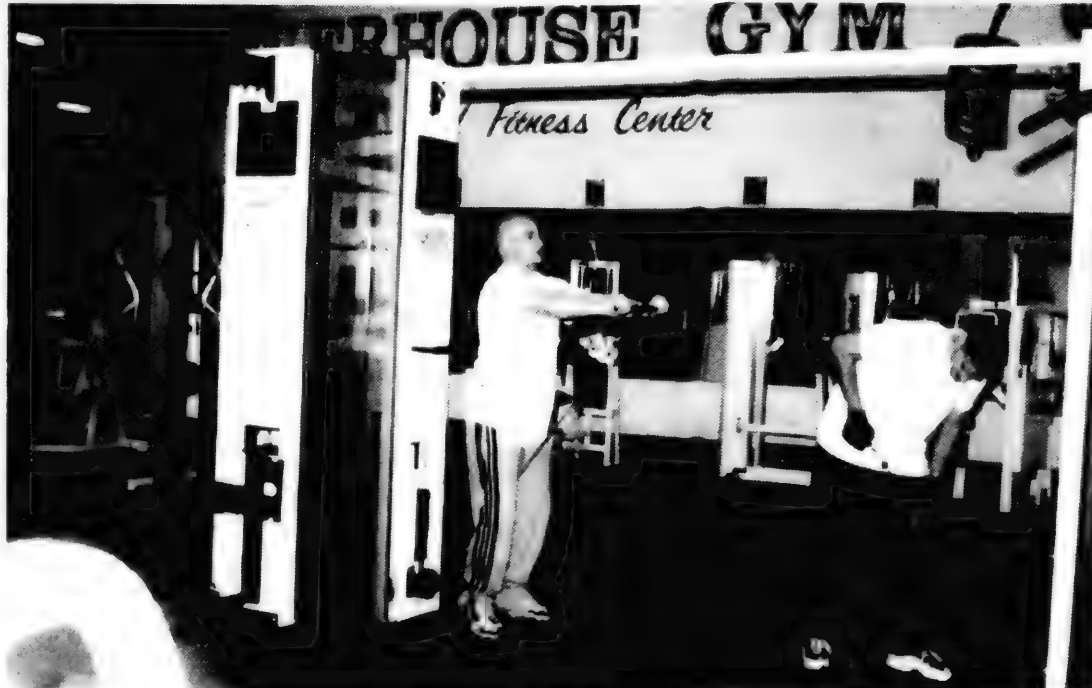
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WHAT'S UP

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White Mountain Snowboard Camp is back!

**Glenn Wilson
Andover Youth Services
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This session is designed for all snowboarders and skiers, so grab your board or skis and

come ride Loon Mountain with the AYS crew.

The second session will be held Saturday, Feb. 12 and Sunday, Feb. 13. This session is for 7th-through 12th-grade snowboarders only and will provide instruction, with an emphasis on improving your riding skills.

Both sessions are \$125, which includes a two-day lift ticket, transportation, dinner, breakfast, and lunch, lodging, staff and much more.

Details of your session and what to bring will be mailed to you once you have signed up. See you on the slopes!!!

Ultimate Frisbee practice starts tonight

**Glenn Wilson
Andover Youth Services
Program Coordinator**

Andover High School's Ultimate Frisbee team will kick off its first winter practice tonight, Thursday, Jan. 20, from 8 to 9:30 at the AHS field house.

Practices will be held on Thursdays from 8 to 9:30 through the winter, until early

March. If you are interested in playing on the first-ever AHS Ultimate Frisbee team, grab your sneakers and head down to the field house to check out the action.

What's up at West Middle School

**By Meri Schmidt
Grade 8, West Middle School**

'Twas the season for community service projects at West Middle School. Many events were scheduled last month to help the community, as well as to have fun. Students in adviser classes raised money to buy gifts for children who might not otherwise get any for the holidays. Most classes provided gifts for five kids.

Kids for Kids collected for *The Eagle-Tribune* Santa Fund. The money is also being used to buy gifts. The group raised more than \$150.

The yearbook committee held the Toys for Tots dance for eighth-graders on Dec. 17. Students either paid \$5 or brought a new unwrapped toy for collection.

The eighth-grade "crew" team made over 200 origami

cranes to symbolize peace. The cranes were then taped up in the front of the school.

The eighth-grade Allstars Team had a coat drive and collected more than 165 coats. These coats are going to families that cannot afford them.

West Middle School celebrated with two exciting millennial events. There was a door-decoration contest for all classrooms. Students decorated the doors of their classrooms with construction paper with the theme of the Millennium or other holiday celebrations. As you walked down the hallway, you could see a beautiful array of colors.

Several sixth-graders won Millennium buttons for participating in the Millennium poster contest sponsored by the Andover Police Department. They were Jimmy Conway, Andrea Kurkul, Katie Smidt, Mike Hume, Chelsea Portney, Mikaila Bourgeois, Jennifer Merinder and Greg Vetrano.

Other fun events are going on at West Middle. Kids on the Block will perform soon at Bancroft School. The Adventure Club went on shopping madness on Dec. 16. Students were transported to Rockingham

Mall to do their holiday shopping.

January is Matball Month, sponsored by Andover Youth Services. Want to know what matball is? Come to the gym Thursday after school and find out. Intermurals are still going on. Remember, Tuesdays are for sixth-graders only. Bake sales go on every Monday and Friday after school. Stop by and buy something good to eat or drink before getting on your bus. PAC member Gretchen Harb made these bake sales possible; she was there every Monday and Friday at the table.

During the Dec. 14 annual Winter Concert, the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade band played, directed by Brandon Psenicka; the choirs sang, directed by Judith Palmer; and the orchestra played, directed by Steve Heimlich.

Other exciting events are going on too. Talk to your West Middle School friends or family member to find out more.

► For more information about *WHAT'S UP*, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, *Townsmen* assistant editor, at 475-7000. E-mail submissions to: jgrady@andovertownsmen.com

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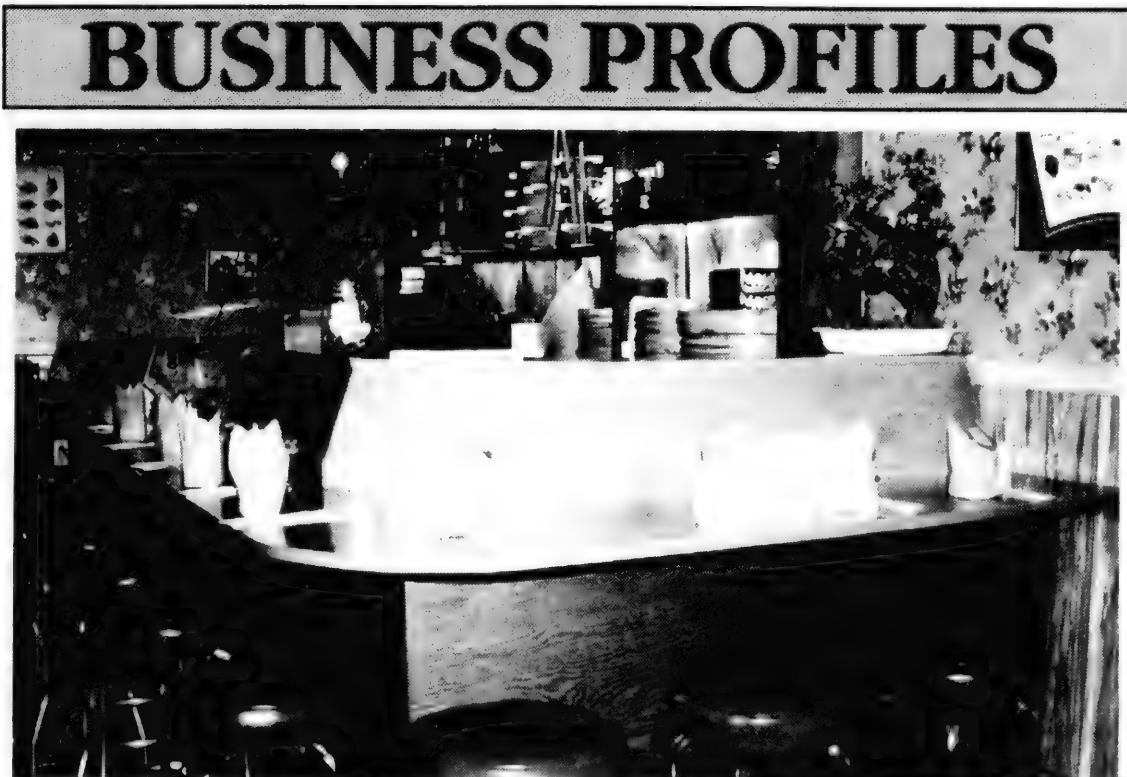
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AHS ROUNDUP

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back in shape in time for the tournament. She's anxious to play."

Andover 70 Notre Dame Academy 30

Coming off the two tough tournament losses the Lancers were just what the doctor ordered.

Thirteen players saw action and 11 scored points for the locals, who put the game away in the first half by building a prohibitive 37-10 lead.

Jenny Muller led the way with 14 points, seven assists and four steals, while Lindsey Pearson contributed 12 points, six assists and five rebounds.

Michelle Danis continued her excellent play with nine points and six boards while Katie Kramer, Shannon Sweeney, Megan Pinksten and Kelly McLaughlin (four steals) netted six points each.

Karen Whelan pocketed four points, Kristen Swoboda had three points and seven rebounds, Shawna Foley two points and freshman Samantha Hughes two points, three assists and two steals.

Katie Mahoney tossed in a team-high 11 points for NDA (1-10) while Ellen Boss, Colleen Sullivan, Kristen Bowes and Jillian Surprenant

had four points each.

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AHS trailed the Hilltoppers (10-2) by three at the half, 27-24, but took a 35-34 lead early in the second half before wilting under Somerville's relentless pressure defense.

"Somerville wore us down with its full-court zone trap," said coach Tildsley. "They were pressing us all over the court and used more players because they had more depth."

"We stayed with them pretty much the whole game. But after we took the 35-34 lead they went on a little run and stayed ahead by six to 10 points the rest of the way."

Lindsey Pearson was game-high scorer for Andover with 19 points, and she also had eight rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Jenny Muller contributed 12 points and four assists, while Shannon Sweeney had six points and a team-high 10 boards.

Megan Pinksten added four points and eight rebounds, Michelle Danis four points and Katie Kramer two.

"We lost the game at the free throw line," said Tildsley. "We only hit 6-of-15 foul shots and Somerville was 18-for-27."

Consolation Game Braintree 69 Andover 59

Jenn Munroe awarded scholarship in athletic training

By Rick Harrison

Jenn Munroe, a native of Andover and a senior at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., was recently awarded the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association scholarship given to a student-athlete trainer who wishes to pursue a career in athletic training.

For the past year former Andover High three-sport standout Munroe, 22, has been a part of Colgate's athletic training staff during which time she has worked primarily with the Red Raider football team, the men's lacrosse team as well as a variety of other sports. She will work with the women's lacrosse team this spring.

Munroe, a dean's list student, was a recruited varsity soccer player during her first three years until she decided to forego her senior season on the field to work full-time in sports medicine.

She expressed her interest in athletic training to Colgate head athletic trainer Marty Erb, who

has high praise for his protege.

"Jenn was a great asset to me this fall while working with the football team," said Erb. "She has an outstanding work ethic."

Munroe, who has accumulated over a thousand hours working in the sports medicine department, will have to do a year of undergraduate course work because Colgate does not offer the classes she needs.

After that she plans to attend graduate school to earn her master's degree in athletic training.

Munroe was a standout soccer player and track athlete at Andover High.

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, Ma. 01810 or fax it to 978-470-2819.

Jenny Muller pumped in 19 points but the locals struggled defensively while surrendering a season-high 69 points to the Lady Wamps (8-2).

It was the first meeting between the two schools since Braintree eliminated the AHS girls, 55-38, in the 1996-'97 State Division 1 Tournament semifinals at Boston Garden. Andover entered that memorable game 24-0.

"Our shooting percentage from the floor was horrible," said Tildsley in assessing the third-place consolation loss. "Defensively we were awful and that was the biggest difference. Giving up 69 points is definitely not our style."

Michelle Danis, playing what Tildsley termed the "best game of her career," followed Muller with 12 points and she also ripped down 16 rebounds.

Lindsey Pearson chipped in 10 points, Megan Pinksten nine, Shannon Sweeney seven and Katie Kramer two.

Braintree led 32-29 at the half and once again Andover was outscored at the charity stripe by a healthy 18-10 margin.

"Our girls were focused for this game but we didn't play with confidence," said Tildsley. "A couple things went wrong at key times and we started to struggle and unravel a bit."

BOYS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High boys gymnastics team dropped a 110.10 to 81.10 Eastern Mass. League

decision to host Newton North.

Although the Golden Warriors nailed down a pair of second places and four thirds, the difference in the meet was North all-around competitor Jamie Northrup who accounted for 50.70 of his team's points.

Schedule

Andover (0-3) has its first home meet tonight at the Dunn Gym, hosting Newton South (7 p.m.), and Saturday the locals will compete in the annual Salem, N.H. Invitational Meet (10 a.m.).

Newton North 110.10

Andover 81.10

Placing second for the locals were junior all-around Matt Jones on parallel bars (3.8) and sophomore Rob Ginsberg on pommel horse (4.5).

Jones added a third place on high bar (5.0) and other thirds were earned by senior Jon Gagne on rings (3.7), junior Aaron Hwang on parallel bars (3.4) and junior Nick Pelletier on pommel horse (4.4).

Sophomore Todd Putnam nailed a personal-best 7.7 score in the vault.

"It was a pretty even meet except for the Northrup boy who had a terrific night," said Andover co-head coach Jack Gleason.

Northrup's 50.70 all-around score included a 9.1 on pommel horse and three 9.0 scores in floor exercise, vault and on parallel bars.

Baseball camp dates set

The seventh annual Andover Warrior Summer Baseball School will be held in three different sessions, beginning June 26, at Andover West Middle School.

The three sessions will run June 26-30, July 10-14 and July 17-21.

Daily sessions, for youngsters ages 7-15 years, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school.

The program, which is open to all area ballplayers who meet the age requirements, is run by the Andover High varsity coaching staff along with past and present AHS players.

The fundamentals of hitting, bunting, fielding, throwing, catching, baserunning and position play will be stressed.

Campers will be grouped by age and there will be drill stations, individual player evaluations, daily games, awards and T-shirts.

For further information contact Ken Maglio at 978-623-8709.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

Brown bag lunch and lecture

Travel with Diane Butler as she presents a slide and lecture entitled "Redwood and Sequoia Journey" Wednesday, Jan. 26, at noon. Butler, who specializes in nature photography, will share her trip through this magnificent part of the country. Reservations would be appreciated. Bring a bag lunch, the center will supply dessert and beverage.

Friday forum/safe driving program

A free, hour-long presentation by the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Friday, Jan. 28, at 9:30 a.m. will consist of a multimedia presentation, safety

tips, questions and answers, and information on how to obtain a handicap plate or placard. Call the center if you would like to attend.

Supper club

The monthly supper group will meet at Angelica's Restaurant Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. Cost is \$14 inclusive and the menu selection is available at the center. Reservations are necessary.

Movie matinee

Notting Hill will be shown Monday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. The comedy is about an American movie star, played by Julia Roberts, and the ups and downs of her relationship with Hugh Grant, a travel bookstore owner. The Senior Center appreciates the continued support of Andover Video.

Chinese New Year

The annual Chinese New Year celebration and buffet supper will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the center. Sign up early for this popular event.

Pharaohs of the Sun exhibit

A second trip has been scheduled to see the Pharaohs of the Sun exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts to accommodate those on the current waiting list. The trip is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 27. Call the center.

Men's breakfast

All senior men are invited to this month's breakfast Friday, Jan. 21, at 8:30 a.m. Michelle Lunceford, a former guide from the Stone Zoo, will discuss the destruction of the

rainforests and the effect on plant and animal life. A live presentation will include a close-up look at some rain forest animals, including a blue tongue skink, monitor lizard, African gray parrot, and black-and-white tegu. Call the center to make a reservation.

Valentine's Day tea

Hats and white gloves are invited. Bring a favorite tea cup and join Judy Bernstein for tea and a performance of the "Proper Bostonians." Advance tickets are required. Cost is \$2. This special event is funded in part by the Andover Arts Lottery Council.

Rhode Island Flower Show

Reservations are being accepted for a trip to the Rhode Island Flower Show Thursday, Feb. 17. Cost is \$22, which is due at time of reservation.

Computer interest group

The computer interest group will meet at the computer lab at the drop-in center on the first floor of Old Town Hall on Monday, Feb. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Any experienced computer-user is welcome to join this discussion and problem-solving group. For more information, call Don Sagaser at 475-6116.

A cook's tour of Dutch country

Creative cooking teacher Ed Alessi will escort a trip to Pennsylvania Dutch country from a cook's point of view. Visit farmers' markets, a winery, flower and craft marts and enjoy good food and lots of fun. A \$50 deposit, due no later than Feb. 21, is required.

POLICE LOG

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Andover hotel.

Monday, Jan. 17 - At 9:52 p.m., town maintenance was contacted regarding frozen pipes in the men's cell at the station.

Tuesday, Jan. 18 - At 10:03 p.m., after calls from the Greater Lawrence Technical School, a sergeant reported that a student had suffered a laceration on the wrist. The cut happened when the student tried to punch another student, missed and struck a window, breaking it, according to the log. An officer was to file on "malicious destruction of property."

At 12:21 p.m., a Brickstone Square employer requested an officer be in the area because the company was firing an employee who had been caught with a firearm on the property the previous week.

At 12:39 p.m., an Andover woman reported that someone was "trying to break down her door." An officer reported meeting a man at the house who the woman knew. "He was only at the house to check on the well-being of (the woman)," said the log.

At 2:38 p.m., there was a report of an assault at the Greater Lawrence Technical School. A bloody nose was reported, and an officer was to file on two counts of assault and battery.

BREAKS

Friday, Jan. 14 - At 3:44 p.m., a Reservation Road woman reported her house had been broken into during the previous two hours, and someone had gone through a bedroom. A detective and officer responded.

Monday, Jan. 17 - At 11:59 a.m., an Andover Street caller reported he received a call from his son who said that when he arrived home, he found that someone had broken into his house.

At 8:30 p.m., after an Agawam Lane man reported an antique clock missing from his mantel, an officer reported a possible break.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - At 11:09 a.m., there was a report that someone had stolen from a North Andover resident at the YMCA.

At 3:54 p.m., a Main Street store employee reported having a shoplifter. An officer was to file a report.

Thursday, Jan. 13 - At 7:42 a.m., a Lowell Street gas station employee reported that a white SUV had driven off without paying.

Sunday, Jan. 16 - At 5:42 p.m., a woman reported someone had stolen her coat while she was at the YMCA.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 13 - At 9:46 p.m., a New Hampshire man reported his 1996 Honda Accord had been

stolen from the Wyndham Hotel. The vehicle was recovered by Lawrence police after a hit-and-run accident. There was heavy front-end damage, and also damage to the ignition and passenger's door lock.

Saturday, Jan. 15 - At 4:57 p.m., a woman at the Wyndham Hotel reported someone had broken into her vehicle on Thursday night.

Sunday, Jan. 16 - At 9:40 a.m., an apparently stolen vehicle was recovered on North Main Street.

At 5 p.m., a woman at the Tager Inn reported her rental car had been stolen from the Tager Inn.

Monday, Jan. 17 - At 5:46 p.m., a Brickstone Square employee reported her 1989 Honda Civic had been stolen after 8:15 a.m.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - At 3:01 p.m., a Crestwood Drive caller reported a hit-and-run on her vehicle by a gray car, as she turned from Main Street onto Central Street.

Thursday, Jan. 13 - At 9:33 a.m., a meter reader reported that his vehicle had just been rear ended on Whittier Street.

At 3:16 p.m., a caller reported that she was involved in a head-on collision in the parking lot of the Ramada Hotel, and she complained of injuries.

At 8:28 p.m., a caller reported that a deer had been hit and was on the side of Route 125.

Monday, Jan. 17 - At 7:21 p.m., after numerous reports of an accident on North Main Street, an officer reported one person hurt. Two tow trucks were dispatched and the state highway was notified of a pothole problem.

VANDALISM

There was one reported case.

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DEPARTMENT

Essex Division
Docket No. 99C 0342 CA1

NOTICE OF
CHANGE OF NAME
To VINCENT ROBERT
CARTER and to all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by ROSARIO SKOLNICK CONNELLY, of Andover, Essex County, and VINCENT ROBERT CARTER, minor by ROSARIO SKOLNICK CONNELLY, his mother and next friend, praying that their name s may be changed as follows:

ROSARIO SKOLNICK
CONNELLY

TO
ROSARIO CONNELLY
SKOLNICK

VINCENT ROBERT
CARTER

TO
VINCENT AUGUSTUS
SKOLNICK

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourteenth day of February, 2000.

WITNESS, Edward J. Rockett Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of January, 2000
Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
January 20, 2000

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in **THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 36 BARTLET STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, ANDOVER** on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of MARK SOUTTER & EILEEN CADLEY, 86 Summer St., Andover, Ma. for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of a second story addition to an existing non-conforming residence.

Premises affected are located at 86 SUMMER STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 21 as Lot 187.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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January 20 & 27, 2000

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Premises affected are located at 34 YORK STREET, Andover, Ma. in an Industrial A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 35 as lot 15.

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Premises affected are located at 2 MESSINIA DRIVE, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 141 as Lot 6.

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Premises affected are located at 15 AVON STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 22 as Lot 6.

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BOARD OF APPEALS
January 20 & 27, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on the application of Andover Plant and Facilities (Town of Andover) for a Special Permit to allow for the installation of a 10,000

gallon above ground fuel oil tank in the Watershed Protection Overlay District, said tank associated with the proposed Cross Street Elementary and Middle School project located at the intersection of Cross Street and High Plain Road, and more specifically identified as Lot 6 on Assessor's Map 192. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
January 20 & 27, 2000

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Roy J. Brandano to Express Funding, Inc., dated November 15, 1994 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4164, Page 312, of which mortgage Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee for Holders of DLJ Mortgage Acceptance Corp., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on February 9, 2000, on the mortgaged premises located at 32 Alcott Way, Unit 32 Alcott Village Condominium, North Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:

Unit #32, in Alcott Village Condominium, together with an undivided 2.5641% interest in the common areas and facilities of Alcott Village Condominium located at Andover Bypass, Route 125, North Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, a condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, as amended, by Master Deed, dated July 19, 1989, and recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2981, Page 1, and managed and regulated by the Trustee of Alcott Village Condominium Trust under Declaration of Trust dated July 19, 1989, recorded in Book 2981, Page 25. The Unit is shown on floor plans recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed and also on the copy of the portion of said plans to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4164, Page 311.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

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January 13, 20 & 27, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

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Premises affected are VACANT LAND WITH FRONTAGE ON THE PROPOSED EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE, Andover, Ma. in an Industrial A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 163 as Lot 7.

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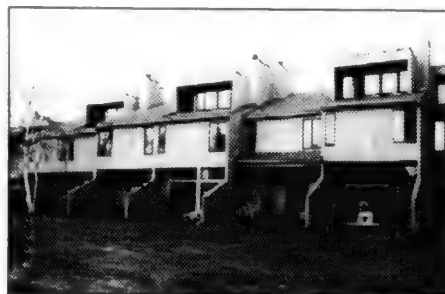
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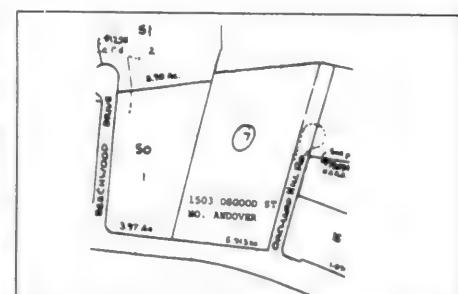
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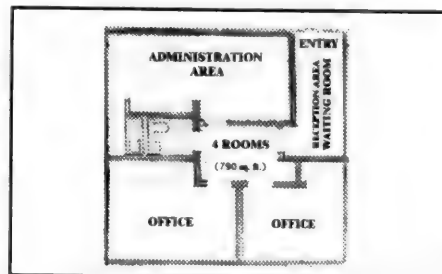

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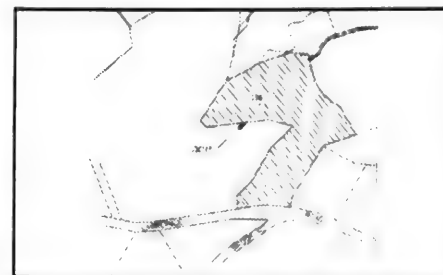
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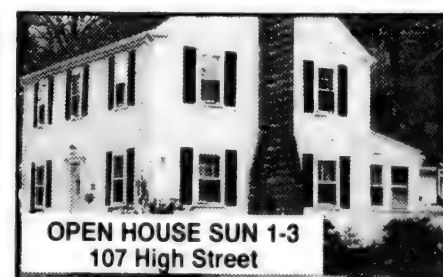
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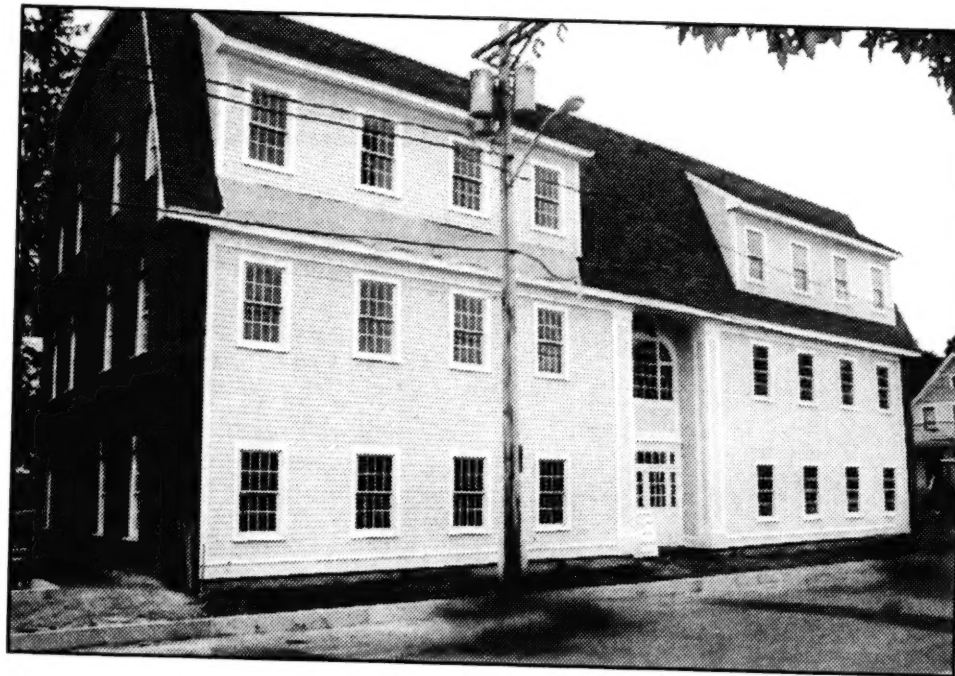

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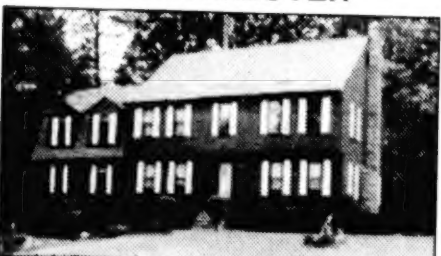
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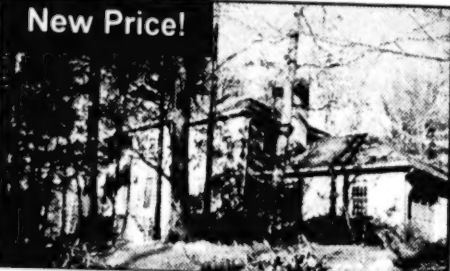
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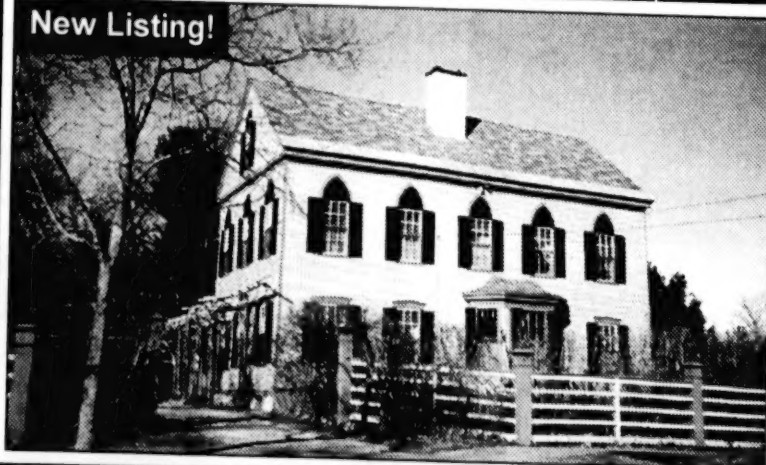

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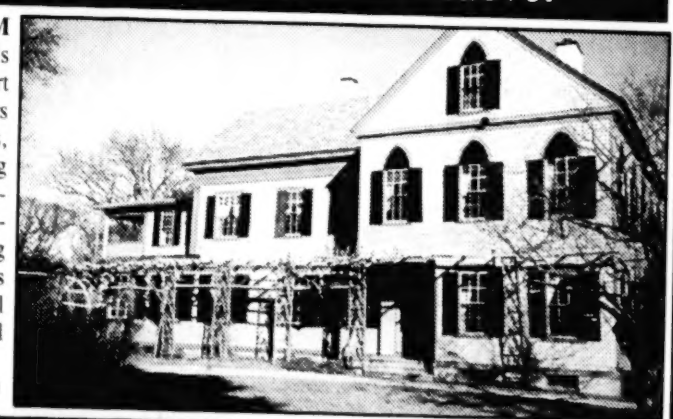
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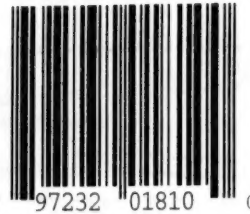


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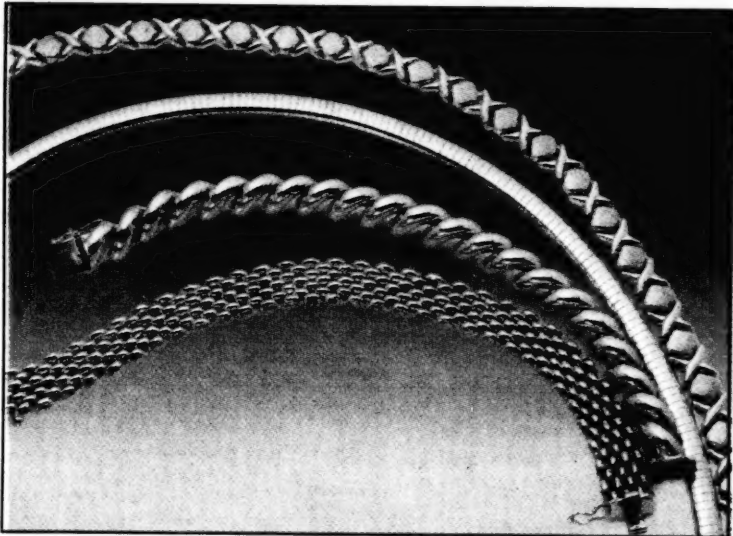
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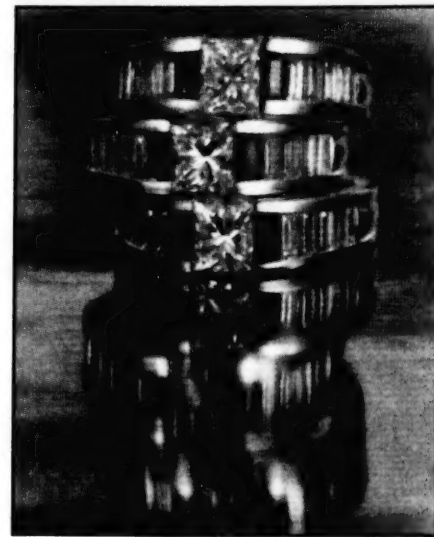


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